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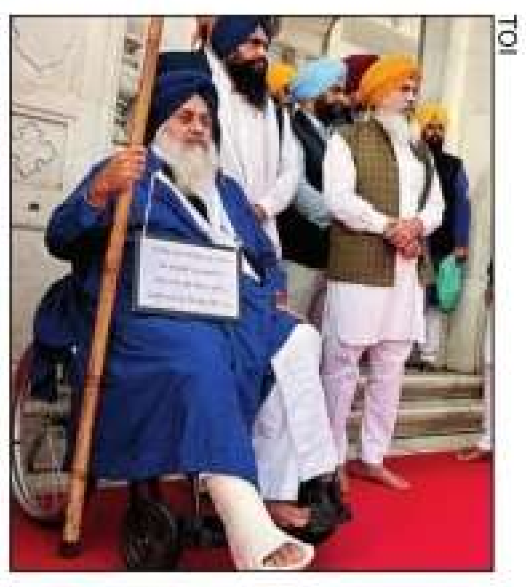

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Wearing a board around his neck acknowledging 'misdeeds', SAD neta Sukhbir Singh Badal performed the duty of 'sewadar' outside Golden Temple in Amritsar on Tuesday | **P 26**

Delhi India's most polluted city in Nov

Delhi was India's most polluted city this Nov, with a monthly PM2.5 level of 249µg/cubic metre, as per a Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air report. This was Delhi's most polluted Nov since 2017. **P 2**

LeT man linked to death of 7 killed

Security forces shot dead LeT sharpshooter Junaid Bhat near Srinagar Tuesday. He was wanted in the Oct 20 terror attack at a Ganderbal campsite that claimed the lives of seven staffers of a firm building a tunnel. **P 8**

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Chalisa recited near campus mosque

Hundreds of students of Uday Pratap College in Varanasi gathered near a mosque on campus and recited Hanuman Chalisa Tuesday, close on the heels of Friday namaz being offered by Muslims at the mosque. **P 26**

Shinde agrees to be dy CM after Fadnavis calls on him

Sr BJP Netas To Attend Talks On Berth-Sharing

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Mumbai: In a breakthrough in power-sharing talks between BJP and Shiv Sena, Eknath Shinde has agreed to join the new Mahayuti govt and will likely be one of two deputy CMs to be sworn in on Thursday in a govt that could be led by BJP's Devendra Fadnavis, a Sena neta close to Shinde said after Fadnavis met the caretaker CM at his official Varsha residence on Tuesday evening.

▶7.8% polling post-5pm not a surge: CEO data, P 15

The face-to-face interaction between Fadnavis and Shinde took place six days after they were in New Delhi for a meeting with Union home minister Amit Shah. Sources said Fadnavis visited the CM's official residence to convince Shinde to join the govt.

Sena sources said BJP's central observers, Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman and former Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani, will meet Shinde after the election of BJP's legislature party leader on Wednesday. The final power-sharing formula will be discussed in their presence. The CM-designate and the two deputy CMs (other being Ajit Pawar) will also meet the governor.

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MAHAYUTI TRIO TO MEET GUV TODAY

- CM-designate & 2 dy CMs (other being Ajit Pawar) will meet Maha governor CP Radhakrishnan on Wednesday and stake claim to form govt
- **A Sena functionary says only CM and two dy CMs are likely to take oath on Thursday** and a wider cabinet will come in only once the power-sharing formula is decided
- **NCP's Ajit Pawar, who is still in Delhi, was not present at a meeting between Shinde & Fadnavis on Tuesday** that happened at the caretaker CM's residence
- **Shinde's Sena wants to retain all 9 ministries** it held earlier, including the industries and urban development portfolios

File photo

South Korean Prez declares martial law, Parl rejects it

South Korean President **Yoon Suk Yeol** declared martial law late Tuesday, vowing to eliminate "anti-state" forces as he struggles against an opposition that controls the country's Parliament and that he accuses of sympathising with North Korea. After his announcement, National Assembly was sealed late on Tuesday night, as army chief Gen Park An-su took charge.

However hours later after protests, Parliament voted to lift the declaration, with National Assembly speaker Woo Won Shik declaring that lawmakers "will protect democracy with the people". **P 22**

V-P: Introspect why farmers in distress

Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar Tuesday said farmers were suffering despite presence of premier institutions like Indian Council of Agricultural Research. He said the distress of farmers and their agitations do not augur well for the country and there was a need for introspection. PTI

Bangle-seller in MP Pocso case cleared

A trial court in Indore Tuesday acquitted Taslim Ali, a bangle-seller accused of molesting a minor and plying his trade under a fake name in Indore in 2021. The incident triggered a political row. Special judge (Pocso) Rashmi Walter acquitted Ali saying the prosecution failed to prove molestation. **P 9**

Ladakh disengagement has set stage for ties to improve: JS

'India Will Now Prioritise De-escalation'

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New Delhi: Disengagement with China in eastern Ladakh, including at the remaining and contentious friction points of Depsang and Demchok, has been fully achieved through a step-by-step process, setting Sino-Indian ties in the direction of "some improvement", said foreign minister S Jaishankar in Lok Sabha on Tuesday as he briefed MPs about the Oct 21 agreement with China that has sparked hope of a rapprochement in bilateral relations.

The minister, who has stressed in the past that aggressive deployment and not land grab was the problem in the stand-off, said India will now prioritise de-escalation — to address the amassing of troops along the LAC — and effective management of activities in the border areas. He also said that the disengagement allows India to consider other aspects of engagement in a calibrated manner, keeping "our national security interests first and foremost".

▶ 'Committed to...,' P 16

> We were and we remain very clear that the three key principles must be observed in all circumstances: both sides should **strictly respect and observe** the LAC, neither side should attempt to unilaterally **alter the status quo**, and agreements and understandings reached in the past **must be fully abided** by in their entirety
>
> **—Foreign minister S Jaishankar**

TMC, SP stay away from INDIA bloc protest

While proceedings resumed in Parliament on Tuesday after a weeklong impasse, differences within INDIA bloc became more visible on Tuesday as Trinamool Congress and SP refrained from joining Congress-led protests over the Adani issue in the Lok Sabha.

MPs from Congress, AAP, RJD, Sena (UBT), DMK and Left parties, among others, raised slogans against PM Modi demanding that accountability be fixed for alleged corruption by the corporate house, and reiterated their demand for a JPC probe. TMC had also skipped the INDIA meeting at Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge's residence on Monday. **P 13**

SC frees man, but he loses 13 yrs in jail

SC has acquitted a man accused of raping and killing a 10-year-old girl, citing multiple flaws in trial proceedings, **reports Amit Anand Choudhary**. A lower court gave him death sentence, which was commuted to life term by Allahabad HC. "Imposing capital punishment in such a case shocks the conscience of this court," SC said, adding the case couldn't be sent back for fresh trial as 15 years have passed after the incident and he spent almost 13 years in jail. **P 9**

▶104-yr-old freed from prison after SC order, P 8

HC shields activist: 'India's harmony is not so fragile'

New Delhi: Restraining police from arresting an activist, Nadeem Khan, booked for allegedly "promoting enmity" through a video of his that went viral, Delhi high court said Tuesday the nation's harmony "is not so fragile" and sought more faith to be reposed in the common man's intelligence.

"We are in a democratic country... The common man isn't so fragile that merely one exhibition will shake his conviction," Justice Jasmeet Singh said. "The country places great pride in our fundamental rights. Article 19(1)(a) is to be protected." TNN

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Tripura breach: Dhaka summons Indian envoy

Ahsan Tasnim

Dhaka: Bangladesh on Tuesday summoned Indian high commissioner Pranay Verma to express "concerns" about the breach of security at its assistant high commission in Agartala on Monday by a group protesting against the arrests of Hindu monks.

▶No lawyer for monk, bail hearing deferred, P 22

Verma, in turn, upheld the importance of a broader, multi-dimensional relationship between the two nations, stressing such ties can't be "reduced to a single issue".

Both sides signalled their intent to look beyond the unease in ties over attacks on Hindus in Bangladesh since the regime change in Aug by reiterating their desire for a friendly relationship.

▶Dhaka slams attack, P19

Bangladesh mission suspends services

Bangladesh mission in Agartala Tuesday indefinitely suspended its visa and consular services citing security concerns. Seven men were arrested over Monday's breach. Four cops posted at the mission were suspended. **P19**

Bank a/cs can soon have 4 nominees each

Lok Sabha passed crucial amendments to banking laws, which among other things, provide for up to four nominees in all bank accounts. The move is meant to ensure successors of an account-holder or someone with an FD are not locked out as is often the case. Depositors can opt for either simultaneous nomination, where nominees are assigned specific percentage shares, or successive nomination, where nominees inherit in a predefined order. Banking Laws (Amendt) Bill, 2024, also seeks to redefine "substantial interest" for directorships. **P13**

'Supari' backfires: Realtor killed by hitman he'd hired

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Dehradun: Tables turned on a 42-year-old Dehradun property dealer when he was murdered by the contract killer he had hired to eliminate his business partner. Luck changed for Manjesh Kumar after the hitman double-crossed him and told Kumar's aide, Sanjay Singh, about the plan. Sanjay upped the "supari" and quickly promised to pay Rs 10 crore to his would-be assassin to bump off Manjesh instead.

Police said Tuesday that Manjesh was found dead in Dehradun's Patel Nagar in a rented house of an accomplice of main accused and contract killer Arjun Kumar, a former Army man. The killers, cops said, had used shoe laces to strangle Manjesh.

While Arjun, 30, from Haryana, was arrested from near a court in Sonipat on Monday while planning to surrender, his partner-in-crime, Sachin, was nabbed near the Asharodi check-post trying to flee Dehradun. Manjesh's long-time business partner Sanjay, 42, and another person involved in the crime, Afzal Malik, 29, were arrested later.

An officer privy to the probe said rivalry between Manjesh and Sanjay had begun over a dispute regarding a big-ticket realty deal worth crores.

▶ 'Lured by offer', P 16

'Serial son' went to Raj family too

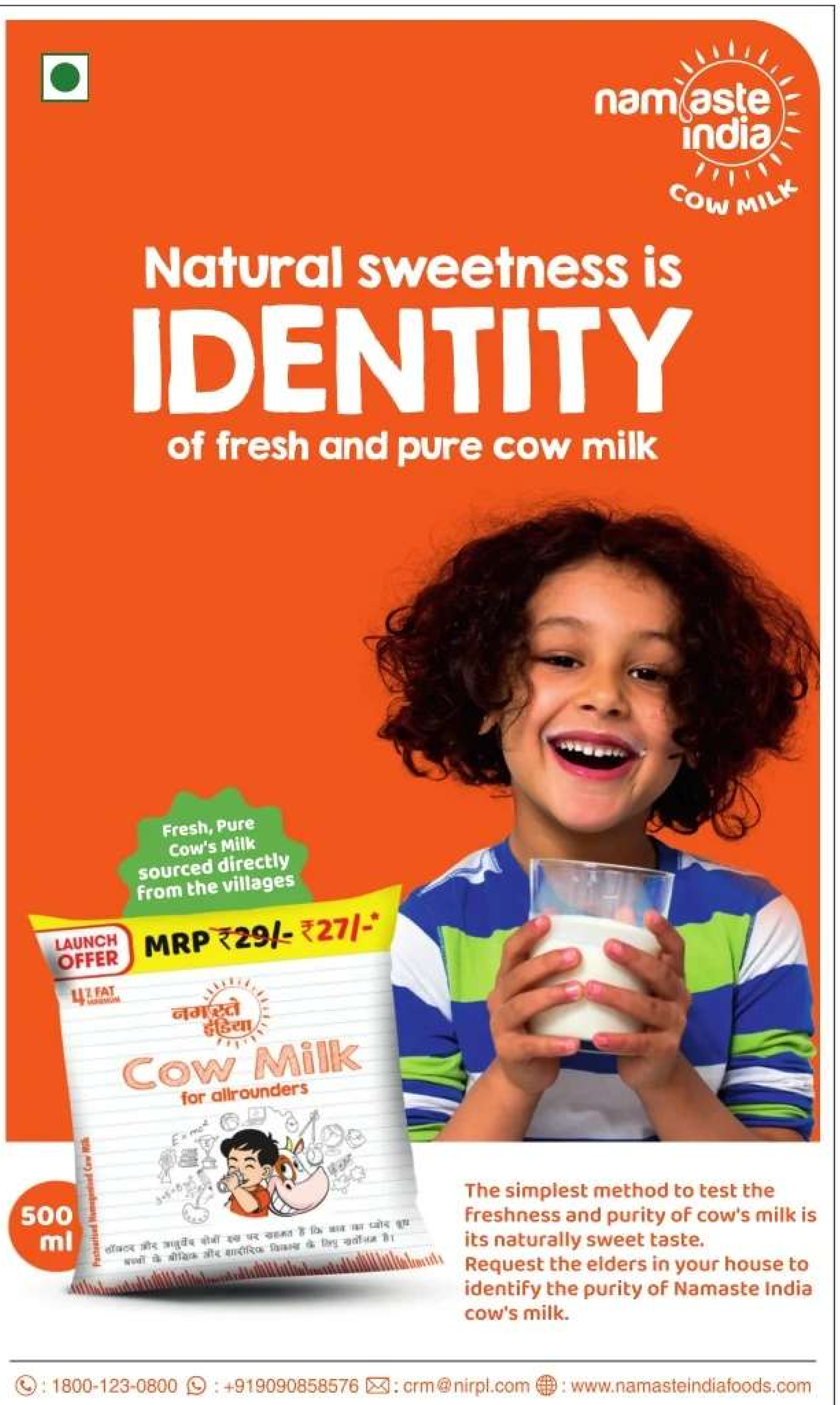
The "miracle" of Bhim Singh's return to his family from "three decades of captivity" in a Jaisalmer farm is unravelling fast. After it emerged that Singh had surfaced in Dehradun with a similar tale in July before his "return" last week to a family in Ghaziabad that had lost a son to a kidnapping in 1993, a family in Sikar, Rajasthan, has now contacted police to say the man had come to them too with the same story. Meanwhile, a DNA test is under way. **P 7**

Midday meal cooks' pay frozen at ₹1k

The 'honorarium' for six to eight hours of work as cooks-cum-helpers in govt's midday meal programme remains unchanged at Rs 1,000 per month since it was fixed in 2009. Adjusted for inflation, it comes to just over Rs 540 now. The National Floor Minimum Wage, below which no state can fix its minimum pay, is Rs 5,340. However, since the cook-cum-helpers are not recognised as workers, state govts are not bound to pay them minimum wages. **P 26**

Baby elephant trapped in pit saved

A baby elephant that got trapped in a muddy, rain-filled pit in a village in Chhattisgarh's Raigarh was rescued by villagers on Tuesday. Raigarh DFO Stylo Mandavi said a herd of 41 elephants was passing through Chilkaguda village on Sunday night when some of the jumbos ventured into the pit that was filled up by recent rainfall. A calf was stuck in the mud. Despite repeated efforts, it couldn't get out. By morning, it was exhausted. Locals then used shovels to dig a path out of the pit for the calf. **P 8**



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TEMP ON TUESDAY
28.2° MAXIMUM | 10.5° MINIMUM

FORECAST ▸ Smog likely. Max & min temperatures on Wednesday would be around 27°C and 11°C

MOONSET 8.03PM (WED) MOONRISE 10.36AM (THU)
SUNSET 5.24PM (WED) SUNRISE 7.00AM (THU)

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Nothing New: Delhi Most Polluted In India This Nov

At Avg PM2.5 Of 249, Worst Situation Since 2017, Says Report

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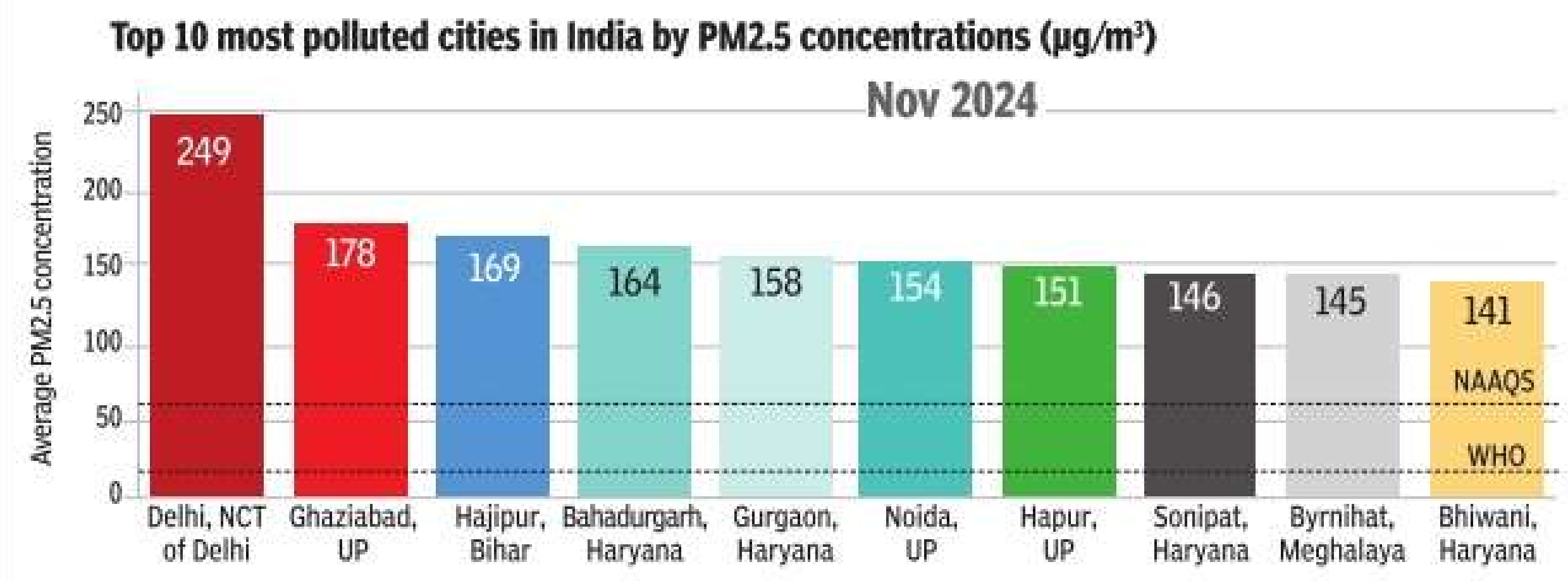
BADGE OF DISGRACE

Photo: Rajesh Mehta

- ➤ In Nov, Delhi's average PM2.5 concentration hit **249 μg/m³**
- ➤ This was its highest Nov pollution level since 2017
- ➤ The Nov average was 2.2 times higher than **Oct's 111 μg/m³**
- ➤ Eight of India's top 10 most polluted cities in Nov were from Delhi-NCR

On Nov 18, the capital recorded an AQI of 494

Top 10 most polluted cities in India by PM2.5 concentrations (μg/m³)



New Delhi: Delhi ranked as India's most polluted city in Nov 2024, with a monthly average PM2.5 level of 249 micrograms per cubic metre. It was also the highest polluted Nov for the city since 2017, according to a new report by the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA).

After Delhi, the highest pollution was seen in Ghaziabad, followed by Hajipur, Bahadurgarh, Gurgaon, Noida, Hapur, Sonipat, Byrnihat and Bhiwani. All cities, barring Hajipur in Bihar and Byrnihat in Meghalaya, are from Delhi-NCR.

The report, which was released on Tuesday, stated that stubble burning contributed an average of 19% to PM2.5 levels in Delhi in Nov, but the elevated PM2.5 concentrations point to significant year-round sources. "This emphasises the need for a comprehensive long-term strategy that targets pollution at its roots, rather than relying solely on short-term winter measures," said the report.

Though the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) was in force, the Decision Support System reported that the transport sector's contribution to Delhi's PM2.5 remained at least 20%, similar to non-GRAP periods. "It raises concerns about the effectiveness of GRAP's on-ground implementation," said CREA.

Despite GRAP measures, a significant reduction in fire events (37,602) this year, and a lower contribution from stubble burning to PM2.5 levels, 28 cities in Delhi-NCR exceeded the limit of the national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) this Nov. Only six out of these 28 cities were included in the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP), which was launched by the ministry of environment, forest and climate change in Jan 2019 with an aim to improve air quality in 131 cities.

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CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY MONITORED BY CREA

Delhi's PM2.5 concentration was categorised in the 'severe' (over 250 micrograms per cubic metre) category for 10 days and 'very poor' (121-250 micrograms per cubic metre) category for 20 days. The Nov average is 2.2 times higher than the Oct average of 111 micrograms per cubic metre. The daily NAAQS for PM2.5 is 60 micrograms per cubic metre. However, WHO's daily safe guideline is 15 micrograms per cubic metre.

Manoj Kumar, an analyst at CREA, said, "While stubble burning counts have decreased, the consistent and growing contribution from year-round sources highlights the urgent need for continuous, year-round mitigation strategies. These efforts must adopt an airshed level approach and be integrated into the NCAP framework."

Kumar added that proactive measures that reduce pollution at the source must be included under GRAP and fully implemented to avoid a recurring air quality crisis.

Except Chennai and Bengaluru, other megacities such as Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata exceeded PM2.5 NAAQS in Nov.

TOI had earlier reported that all top 10 most polluted cities in India in Oct were from Delhi-NCR. Delhi was the most polluted, with average PM2.5 concentration of 111 micrograms per cubic metre, followed by Ghaziabad at 110 micrograms per cubic metre and Muzaffarnagar at 103 micrograms per cubic metre. CREA monitored 263 cities in the country.

Don't like to come here due to bad air: Gadkari

Times News Network

New Delhi: Union road transport minister Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday said he does not feel like visiting Delhi due to severe air pollution here and often gives it a second thought every time before coming to the capital. Delhi's air pollution has been an annual affair with the onset of winter, resulting in curbs on old vehicles and closure of schools.

Speaking at an event on 'Energy Transition and Sustainable Road Transportation', Gadkari said, "This city is like that. If I come for two days, I catch infection. Har baar Delhi me aata hua, aisa lagta hain ki jaana chahiye ki nahi. Itna bhayankar pollution hai (Every time, while coming to Delhi, I think whether I should go or not because pollution levels are so high)."

Referring to a report, Gadkari said severe air pollution badly impacts lives of people in the capital. "Still there is not that much awareness among people," he said. Gadkari said large-scale migration from villages to cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata have resulted in multiple problems. "At many places you see water flowing in Delhi, but it's only sewage water," he added.

The minister said the best way to reduce pollution is to bring down the consumption of fossil fuels and use of bio-CNG and other alternate fuels that are clean.

Besides raising concerns over air pollution, Gadkari also referred to the four legacy municipal waste dump sites, sarcastically terming them as "tourist spots". "This is shameful for the city. I tried for four years to utilise the processed materials from these sites for highway projects. But agencies concerned raised several issues, including the segregation of wastes. We have made some progress and utilised around 80 lakh tonnes of segregated and processed waste in highway projects," he added.

The minister said he held a meeting with the Delhi municipal commissioner and other officials on Monday. The MCD has invited bids for segregation and processing of waste and keeping them at specific locations.

Air quality stays in poor range, aided by winds

Times News Network

SKYMET OFFICIAL SAYS

On Wednesday, the wind speed is likely to rise to 8-10 knots, which is around 14-18 kmph, so we may expect further improvement in the air quality

New Delhi: Delhi's air quality showed improvement throughout the day, although the pollution index confirmed 'poor' quality readings. Favourable winds that aided ventilation save the day.

The air quality index (AQI) registered 273 at 11am, which slightly dipped to 271 by 2pm, and further dropped to 268 by 4pm.

Weather experts expect sustained moderate winds in the coming days, which should aid in ventilation.

However, pollution monitoring bodies warned of a potential surge in the AQI after Dec 5, which could happen because of expected reduction in wind velocity. IMD has forecast the presence of smog or mist in the morning on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, the average air quality index (AQI) was 268, down from 280 a day earlier. On Oct 29, the city recorded an AQI of 268 and on Oct 26, the AQI was 255, making the AQI on Tuesday the best after Oct 26.

According to weather analysts, the city is seeing consistent strong winds which will continue for another 2-3 days.

"The wind speed on Tuesday was around 8-10 kmph by morning. The speed rose to 14-15 kmph by evening. The direction was north-westerly. This improved the air quality of the city. On Wednesday, the wind speed is likely to rise to 8-10 knots, which is around 14-18 kmph, so we may expect further improvement in the air quality," Mahesh Palawat, vice-chairman of meteorology and climate change at Skymet, said.

He added that due to the passage of a western disturbance, the wind speed has increased. "North-westerly winds are dry and cold. There is a possibility that the temperature may drop marginally over the next 2-3 days," Palawat said.

On Tuesday, the city recorded a maximum temperature of 28.2 degrees Celsius, three notches above normal, which was warmer than 27.4 degrees Celsius a day earlier. The minimum temperature was 10.5 degrees Celsius, a notch above normal.

The maximum and minimum on Monday are likely to hover around 27 and 11 degrees Celsius.

According to the advance air quality forecast, the city may see smog or shallow fog on Wednesday morning. "The air quality is likely to be in the 'poor' category from Dec 4-6. The outlook for the subsequent 6 days: the air quality is likely to be in the 'poor' to 'very poor' category," the air quality early warning system said.

WHAT ARE YOU SMOKING?

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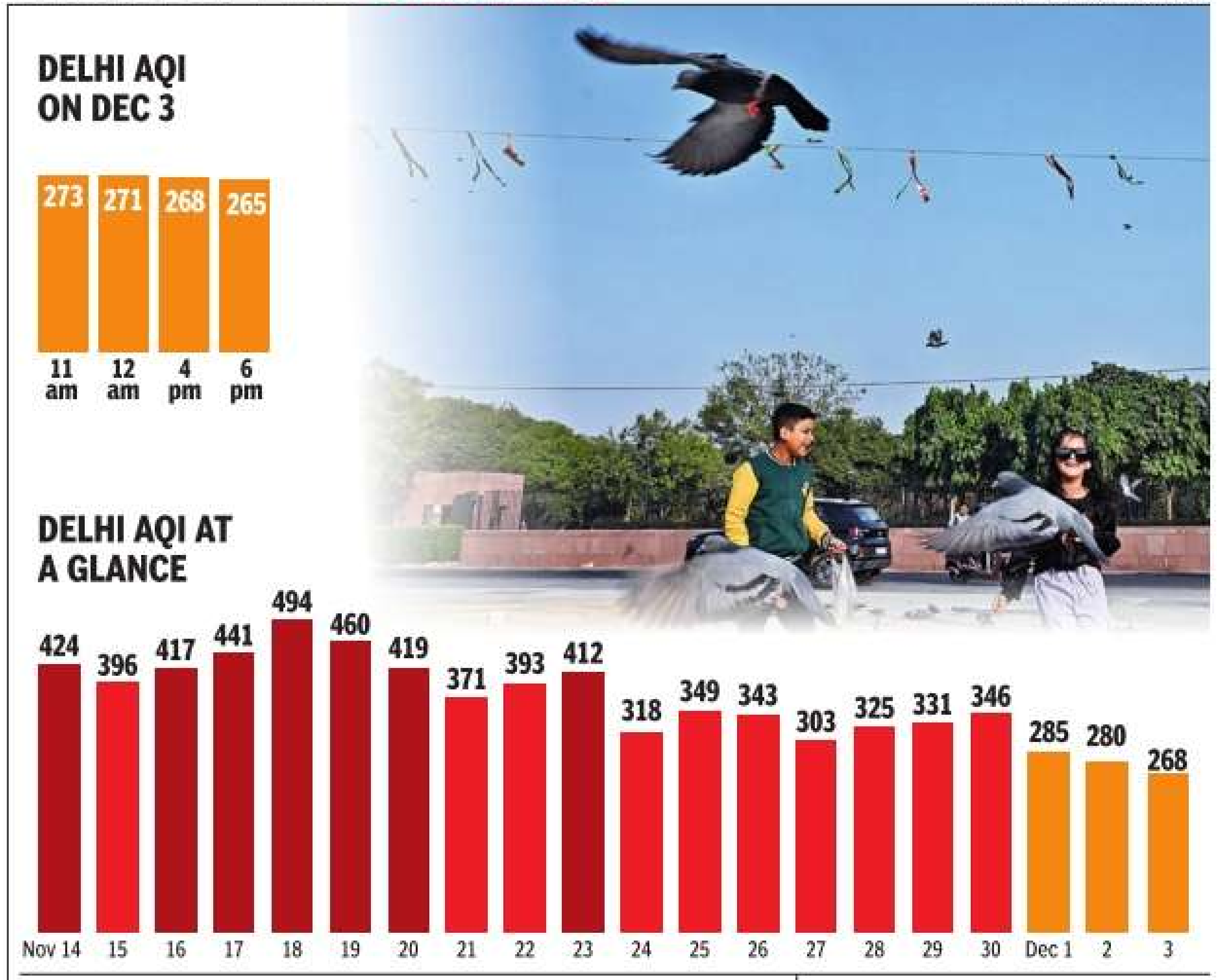

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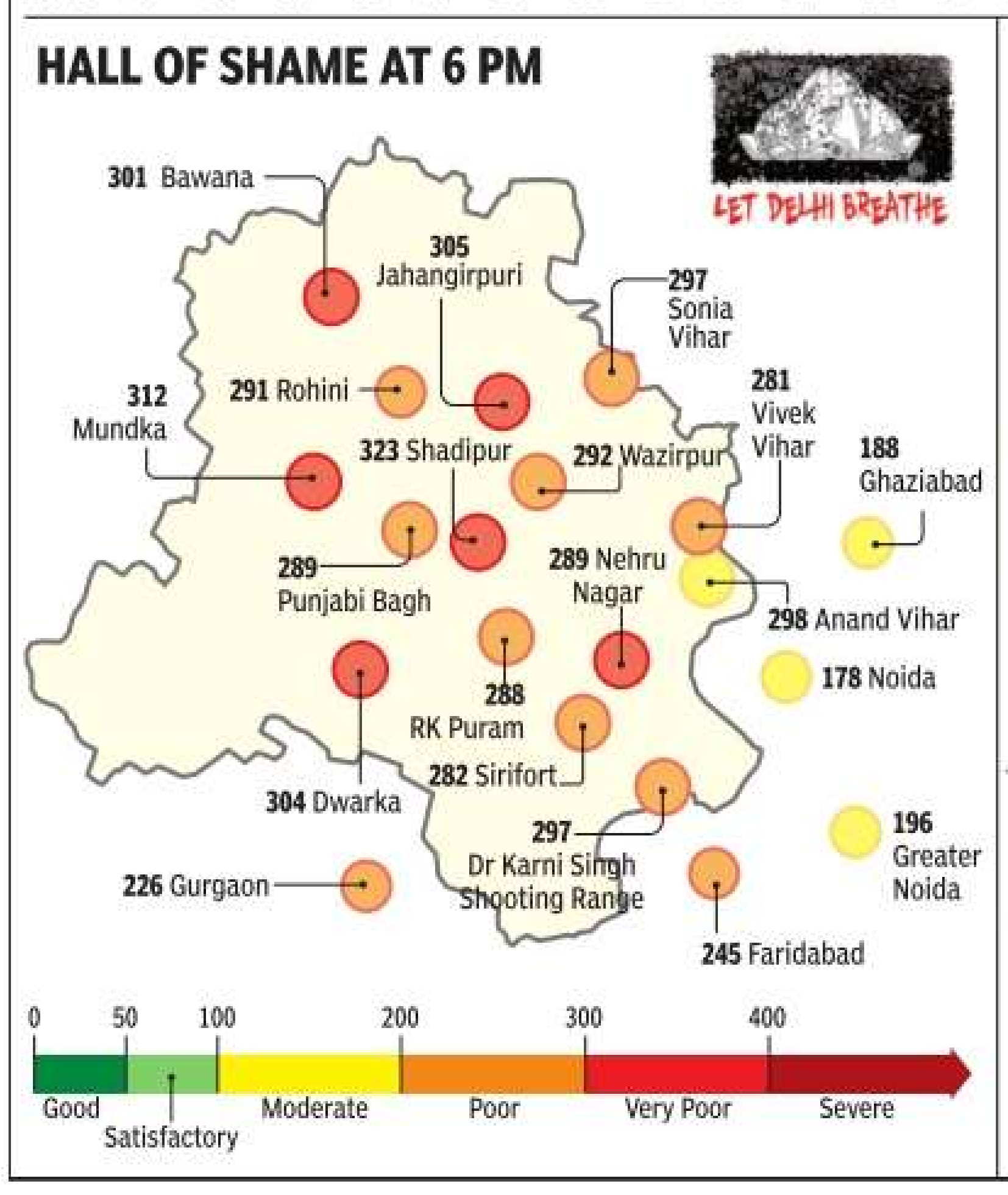

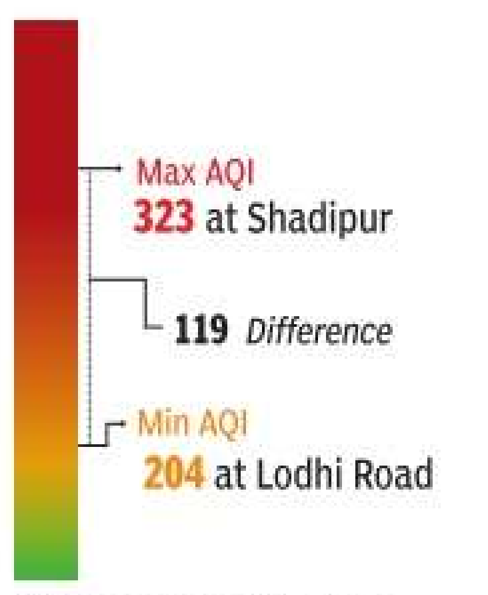

(Highest AQI of 343 was **6.4 times worse** than good)

- ➤ Tuesday had Delhi's best AQI since Oct 26 (255)
- ➤ AQI improved due to consistent moderate winds and low moisture
- ➤ AQI likely to be 'poor' until Dec 6

Gurgaon's air quality worsens

Gurgaon: One day after the city witnessed a short-lived respite with 'moderate' air, the air quality again dipped to the 'poor' category with no expected improvement. Continued construction activities, despite the enforcement of stage 4 restrictions underGRAP across Delhi-NCR, only added to the woes. The air quality index was 226 (poor) on Tuesday. At a reading of 267, Teri Gram was the worst hit, followed by Sector 51 (254), and Gwalpahari (247) — all in the 'poor' category. The authorities, meanwhile, claimed they are taking measures to mitigate air pollution. TNN

Data on pollution share not updated since Nov 29, air panel says rejig on

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ANUMITA ROYCHOWDHURY SAYS

Dynamic forecasting of the relative contribution of pollution sources and real-time assessment of the contribution of pollution sources to the city's air quality are critical for responsive and transparent decision-making, science-based air quality management, and tracking progress

New Delhi: The Decision Support System (DSS), which provides data on the sources of local and regional PM2.5 pollutants, hasn't been updated since Nov 29. It is the city's lone source apportionment system and estimates the contribution of varied sources to the capital's air pollution.

DSS is being reviewed by an expert committee, revealed sources in the Commission for Air Quality Management, and it is expected to start operating soon after some changes are effected. However, experts said data should be updated for transparency and public awareness.

Launched in Oct 2021, and developed by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune, and funded by CAQM, DSS estimates and forecasts the contribution of local sources of pollution and those in 19 NCR districts to Delhi's PM2.5. It also calculates the percentage contribution of stubble burning to the city's air pollution. The system is available only for the winter season (Oct to Feb). The last data available on the DSS website is for Nov 26-29. Last winter, DSS had briefly stopped sharing data on pollution sources in Delhi.

Sources in CAQM said DSS was still in the developmental state and hadn't been fully commissioned. "A project evaluation committee is reviewing DSS periodically because its data and accuracy were not in line with the terms of reference decided for the model. Some data used by the system or emission inventory was quite old. DSS has also been asked to update its weather forecasting techniques or methodologies," said a CAQM official.

The official added that air pollution sources and emission patterns over the years in the entire NCR, as well as the weather forecasting techniques, needed to be updated in DSS. The system is being evaluated and will be resumed after changes are introduced to improve its accuracy, said the sources.

According to DSS's website, the region and source-wise contributions are based on the emissions inventory formulated in 2021. "For a more accurate estimation of source contribution, the latest emission fields are required," says DSS's website.

An IITM official confirmed that the system was being reviewed by an expert committee. "DSS was commissioned along with the early warning system in 2018, and it was then capable of calculating the share of biomass burning in Delhi's air quality. However, after CAQM was formed, the commission in 2021 funded the project for calculating other sources impacting Delhi's air quality," said the official, who, however, offered no clarity on when this system will become operational again.

Experts emphasised that source apportionment data was needed to prepare strategies and reduce air pollution at the source level. Anumita Roychowdhury, executive director, research and advocacy, Centre for Science and Environment, said, "Dynamic forecasting of the relative contribution of pollution sources and real-time assessment of the contribution of pollution sources to the city's air quality are critical for responsive and transparent decision-making, science-based air quality management, and tracking progress. Public investments in these systems need to be upscaled and not become wasteful."

Sunil Dahiya, founder and lead analyst, Envirocatalysts, added that by withholding data, DSS risked further erosion of the already minimal transparency in identifying pollution sources. "This lack of openness undermines accountability and hampers effective action against pollution. Decision-makers must leverage available data and tools like DSS, real-time source apportionment studies, and other systems to address pollution. Failing to do so wastes public resources, scientific efforts, and critical time needed to combat pollution effectively," remarked Dahiya.

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₹8k for labourers at construction sites for job loss

Times News Network

New Delhi: Delhi Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board has decided to pay a one-time subsistence allowance of Rs 8,000 each to over 90,000 registered workers affected by a ban on construction in the capital due to severe air pollution.

The decision was taken on Tuesday in the first meeting of the reconstituted construction workers board, chaired by additional chief secretary (finance) Ashish Chandra Verma.

The ban on construction was imposed on Nov 18 under the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) measure to check pollution.

The move comes in the wake of a recent Supreme Court direction to the chief secretaries of NCR states to appear before it through video-conferencing on Dec 5 and inform it on whether any subsistence allowance was paid to construction workers who are without work because of the restrictions.

According to officials, the board "resolved" that an ex gratia amount of Rs 8,000 would be provided to all eligible construction workers after due verification of their status. The board also decided to fix Nov 25, the date of the court order, as the cut-off date for deciding the status of live membership of workers.

Officials said 90,759 registered workers will be treated as the tentative beneficiaries for the one-time allowance as ordered by the Supreme Court.

The amount will be deposited in the Aadhar-seeded bank account of the beneficiary. Before releasing the amount, physical verification will be done.

Delhi govt provided a subsistence allowance of Rs 10,000 and Rs 5,000 to the construction workers during the first and second lockdowns in 2020 and 2021.

Officials said that the tentative beneficiaries of the financial assistance now are registered with the board based on self-certification that they worked for 90 days as construction workers in the preceding year. "The authenticity of the self-certification was not verified at the time of registration of the workers. A bilingual link for the verification of construction workers has been provided on the web portal through which they can provide details for verification," said an official.

Sunil Aledia, executive director of the Centre for Holistic Development (CHD), however, claimed that contrary to the high court's earlier stance on inclusivity, the welfare board identified 90,759 registered workers as beneficiaries, but excluded workers whose membership had lapsed, although they may still be working in the city and were affected by the ban. "The board's actions underscore ongoing gaps in extending relief to all affected workers," Aledia said.

Numberplate Reader At 400 Pumps To Help In Air Fight

Errant Vehicles Can Be Readily Captured By System: CAQM

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New Delhi: Delhi govt is in the process of installing automated number plate recognition (ANPR) camera systems at over four hundred petrol pumps in the city to filter polluting vehicles. The Commission for Air Quality Management, in a written communication to Delhi govt and the neighbouring states, urged the govts of the states in the vicinity to take a cue from Delhi.

CAQM said that Delhi govt had piloted an innovative and effective solution for detection of polluting vehicles using ANPR systems and was in the process of installing these at all the over 500 fuelling stations in the city. "These cameras, besides capturing and displaying the registration details of all the vehicles that enter the premises of the fuelling station, also have a provision of integration with the Vahan database. Thus, the status of 'end of life' vehicles or vehicles without a valid Pollution Under Control Certificate (PUCC) can be readily captured by the system," the communication read. The system also has a provision for an audio message to be relayed to non-compliant vehicles entering the premises of the fuelling station.

PUCC is a document that testifies that a vehicle complies with emission standards and emission level is within prescribed limits.

A govt official said that these cameras have already been placed in over 250 stations in Delhi as of now, and the target is to place them at 400 stations by the month-end. He said that currently, ANPR system detects polluting vehicles, but provisions would be made soon to detect end-of-life vehicles. Delhi govt launched the pilot project with two pumps in Sept last year.

A private agency, which has technical expertise in the domain, developed a mechanism that uses CCTV cameras to scan the registration number of vehicles coming to the fuel stations. Delhi has around 950 PUCC issuing centres, according to transport department data. The penalty for not having a valid PUCC is Rs 10,000, and officials said that so far, these cameras have screened 5.7 lakh vehicles. Of these, the number of vehicles that did not pass the PUCC scrutiny numbered 1.90 lakh, effectively meaning that a third of the vehicles did not have the pollution certificate. The total value of notices issued in this regard was Rs 44 crore.

Delhi govt recently increased the charges for PUC certificates and the new rate for two and three-wheelers running on petrol, CNG, or LPG (including biofuel) has gone up from Rs 60 to Rs 80. For four-wheelers and above in the same fuel category, the rate has been raised by Rs 30, from Rs 80 to Rs 110. Diesel-powered vehicles will see the most significant increase, with the rate increasing from Rs 100 to Rs 140.

The National Green Tribunal describes diesel vehicles older than 10 years and petrol vehicles older than15 years as "overaged" vehicles. NGT has banned such vehicles from operating in Delhi in an effort to improve air quality and reduce pollution. The data given to CAQM by different states highlights that Delhi leads the chart with 60,14,493 overaged vehicles. Haryana follows with 27,50,152, Uttar Pradesh accounts for 12,38,788, and Rajasthan has 6,06,926 overaged vehicles.

The capital has surpassed other states in enforcement. In 2023, Delhi impounded 22,397 overaged vehicles, while Haryana, UP and Rajasthan lagged, with, respectively, 220, 3,058 and 389 confiscations. As of Sept this year, Delhi had impounded 2,310 overaged vehicles, while the enforcement in other states saw Haryana impounding 2,496 vehicles, UP 631 and Rajasthan, 574 vehicles.

NO ESCAPE ROUTE

File Photo

Sites where cameras have been installed
250 (approx)
400
Target by Dec

Results so far

Total vehicles screened 5.7 lakh	Vehicles found without PUCC 1.9 lakh
PUCC renewals post-screening 1.4 lakh	Challans generated worth ₹44 cr

Region	Delhi	Haryana	UP	Rajasthan
Overaged vehicles (till Sept 2024)	60,14,493	27,50,152	12,38,788	6,06,926
Overaged vehicles Impounded in 2023	22,397	220	3,058	389
Overaged vehicles impounded in 2024 (till Sept, 2024)	2,310	2,496	631	574

AAP to intensify drive against BJP over law & order

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New Delhi: With the assembly elections approaching, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) plans to continue a sustained campaign against the BJP-led central govt on the issue of law and order.

According to a senior party functionary, AAP will present two models for comparison — the first will showcase areas under central govt control and the second will highlight steps taken by state govt in education, healthcare and subsidies.

"Central govt has control over the police, and it has failed to contain crime in the city. We have control over education, health and electricity, where we are providing freebies to people. We will take this to every corner of Delhi and highlight that if BJP comes to power, they will not be able to govern. A sample is in front of the people," said the functionary.

On Tuesday, AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal stepped up his attack on Union home minister Amit Shah, calling for his resignation if he could not handle the "chaotic" law and order situation in the national capital. He was visiting the relatives of a youth who was stabbed to death outside his house in a Pitampura slum cluster.

A day earlier, he went to Naraina, where two members of a family were killed in a span of six months by criminals. Kejriwal alleged there was "jungle raj" in Delhi and people in the city had never witnessed crimes rising to such an extent. Prior to that, he had visited other areas of Delhi too, including Tilak Nagar, where crime had been reported.

Last month, chief minister Atishi had visited Sundar Nagari, where recently, a 28-year-old youth was murdered in broad daylight.

AAP kicked off its campaign on the issue of law and order after a bomb blast happened near a school in Rohini, with minister Saurabh Bharadwaj targeting Centre over "security failure". Gradually, the party increased the momentum, and law and order has been the talking point in every padyatra that Kejriwal has held over the past two weeks.

The Delhi assembly elections are likely to be held in Feb next year.

A senior party functionary said that the intensity of AAP's campaign will only increase in the coming days, as law and order problems directly affect the people. "We want Delhi to be a safe place. But it appears that organised gangs are working in the city as they now consider it a safe haven," he added.

The party's publicity materials, including hoardings and banners, will see it targeting BJP over security issues. AAP plans to make it a talking point in its nukkad sabhas as well, which it has already started holding.

APP FUNCTIONARY SAYS

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SC asks DUSIB for details on winter shelters for homeless

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New Delhi: As the winter has started setting in, Supreme Court on Tuesday sought details from Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board on providing a roof over the heads of the homeless people in the capital.

A bench of Justices B R Gavai and K V Viswanathan also directed the board to brief it on the number of homeless people in the city and whether the existing shelter homes are enough to cater their needs. "We are concerned. We are on the eve of what is going to be a very chilly winter," the court said.

SC has been hearing a PIL on providing shelter to the homeless for the last one-and-half decades and passed a slew of directions to Centre and states to build night shelters. The bench had earlier directed the Centre to appoint a committee in each state comprising a retired civil servant to the rank of secretary to the Govt of India, principal secretary of urban development of the state and one senior and respected person from civil society to monitor construction of shelter homes.

SC had earlier appointed a panel headed by a former Delhi High Court judge Kailash Gambhir who in his report said that more than 90% of the homeless in the country have no roof over their heads as state govts have pathetically failed in setting up shelter homes.

As per 2011 census, there are 17.73 lakh homeless people in the country and around 10 lakh of them are in urban areas. 65.3% of homeless people live in five states — UP, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat.. 146 out of every 100,000 people in India are homeless - 100 for every 100,000 people in rural India and 249 for every 100,000 in urban India.

21-year-old shot dead close to police station in Mangolpuri, no arrest yet

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New Delhi: A 21-year-old man was shot dead by a group of unknown assailants early Tuesday in Mangolpuri. The incident took place just 200 metres from the local police station. No arrests have been made so far.

The victim, Pankaj, was a resident of Mangolpuri. He worked in a clothing exports company and also helped his cousin with his garments business.

Police said the incident happened in front of a local dairy, about 60 metres from Pankaj's house, likely between 12am and 2am. A PCR call was received at Mangolpuri police station around 4am from a hospital about the victim, who had been brought in with severe wounds but succumbed while receiving treatment.

DCP (outer) Sachin Sharma said, "Several teams have been formed to identify the suspects. We are also checking nearby CCTV cameras to nab the assailants." Police suspect the murder may be a result of personal enmity.

Speaking to **TOI**, the family said Pankaj received a call from an acquaintance, claiming someone was involved in an accident and needed his help. However, this was a ruse, and when Pankaj arrived on the scene, he was shot four times.

The family of the victim is reeling from the shock of the tragedy. Nirmala (50), Pankaj's mother, said, "We spoke 20 minutes before he rushed out after receiving a call saying someone needed help. He told me, *'maa, aata hoon...* (mother, I'll be back...)', and left. Who knew those would be his last words?"

"My son was charismatic and funny. It's unbelievable we lost him at such a young age. He had so many plans; he wanted to finally start his own business and support the family better," she added. Pankaj's father does odd jobs and works as a labourer.

Khushi (18), Pankaj's sister, is heartbroken. "My brother was my best friend. Who will I tie *rakhi* to now? The street is crowded, but no one was there to save my brother. He was our family's ray of hope. In this neighbourhood, he's not the first brother, son, or loved one who has been lost," she said.

The incident has left the colony in Mangolpuri shaken, with many raising safety concerns. A local grocery shop owner said, "The youngsters here have no fear, and something needs to be done to change that. Everyone should be scared for their safety."

An owner of the shop next to the dairy said, "We wrapped up business by 8pm because we know how unsafe the streets get at night. We know nothing. But if people saw anything, nobody would have dared intervene or risked their life."

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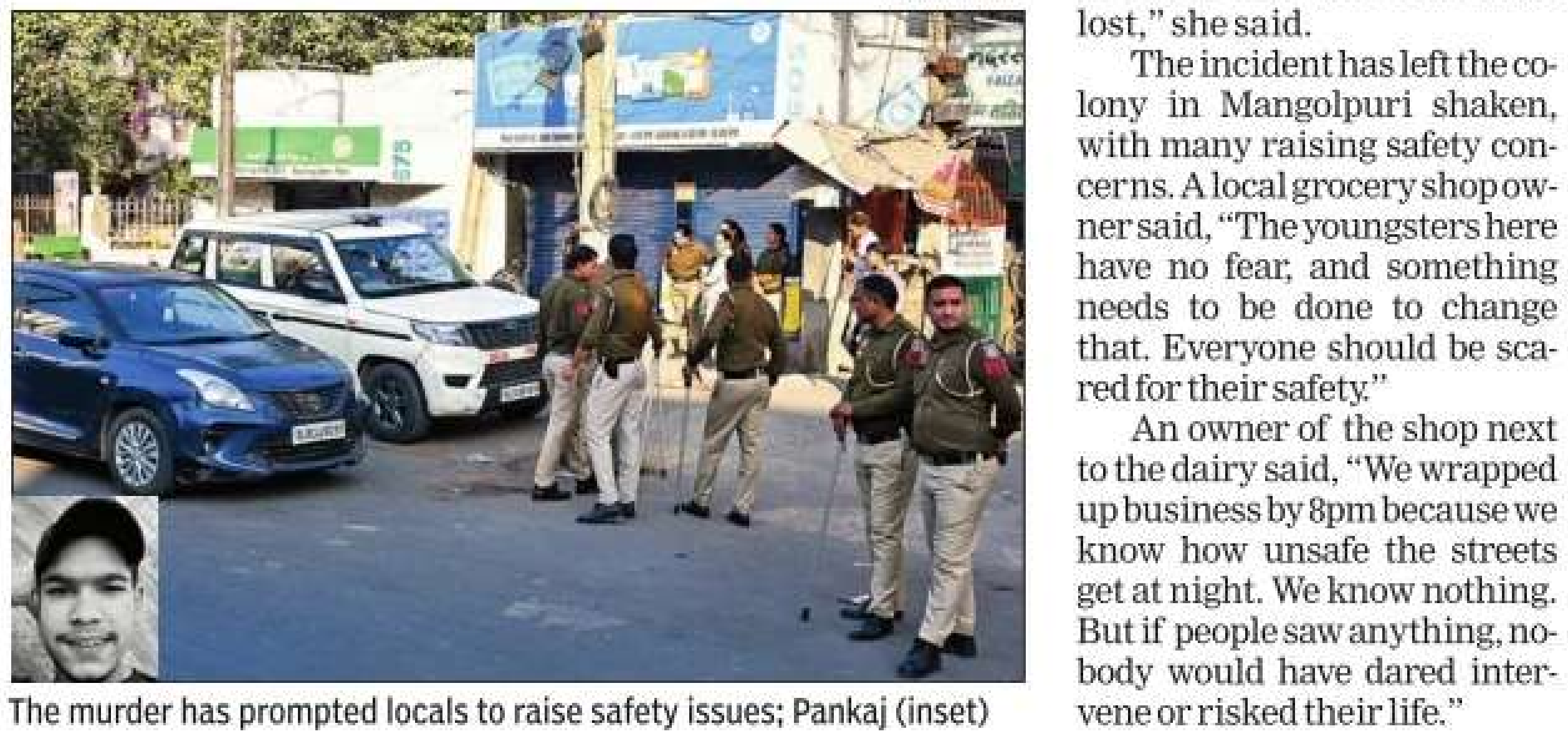

The murder has prompted locals to raise safety issues; Pankaj (inset)

Kejriwal holds e-meet with AAP's women wing for polls

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New Delhi: With an eye on assembly elections, AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal intensified his efforts to mobilise grassroots volunteers, urging them to inform the public about the Delhi govt's free schemes.

On Tuesday, Kejriwal held a meeting with more than 500 members of AAP's women's wing via videoconferencing and urged them to make the people of Delhi aware of the govt's welfare initiatives, referred to as the "six free revdis" (six freebies).

AAP, in a statement, said that Kejriwal emphasised the importance of door-to-door outreach and small community gatherings to inform citizens about the free services — electricity and water supply, education, health care, bus travel for women, and pilgrimages for senior citizens.

"It will be a very tough election for which we are going back to the drawing board, working hard at the micro level to establish direct contact with the voters just as we did in 2013," a senior party functionary said.

Volunteers shared insights from the ground, reporting widespread public satisfaction with AAP's governance and a strong desire to see Kejriwal return as chief minister. Sarika Chaudhary, chairperson of the women's wing, praised the volunteers for their efforts to engage communities in the national capital.

"We are all fully committed to supporting him (Kejriwal). We are talking to each individual and discussing the public welfare work being done by AAP govt," she said. Many participants highlighted the improvements in schools, hospitals, and basic services under Kejriwal's leadership, warning that these could be reversed if another party came to power, the statement said.

Encouraging the volunteers, Kejriwal said, "Your hard work is what brought us this far. By conducting more meetings and explaining the benefits of these initiatives, we can ensure people make informed choices. Together, we can safeguard Delhi's progress."

Party sources said that Kejriwal was also meeting groups of volunteers, who were not comfortable with videoconferencing, at his residence. "We are trying that the AAP chief should meet as many volunteers as possible to understand the issues on the ground and motivate them to do well in the upcoming polls," said a senior party functionary.

Poll consultancy firm says it will help AAP

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New Delhi: Political consultancy firm IPAC has joined hands with Aam Aadmi Party to help it in the upcoming Assembly elections.

The organisation worked closely with AAP in the 2020 polls and helped it win 62 of the 70 seats. While no official reaction was available from AAP, IPAC confirmed the development.

"For the upcoming 2025 Delhi assembly elections, Arvind Kejriwal's AAP has partnered with IPAC to boost its campaign strategies and outreach efforts for the party's re-election bid," the consultancy firm said in a statement.

AAP sources confirmed that IPAC had started helping the party in various aspects of electioneering. "They will help us in everything – from identifying issues for us to devising campaign strategies, content development, social media campaigns and streamlining the deployment of volunteers," an AAP functionary, requesting anonymity, said.

Due in Feb next year, the polls are likely to be a three-cornered fight among BJP, Congress and AAP.

AAP has so far contested three assembly polls in Delhi. It won 28 seats with a 29.5% vote share in its maiden election in 2013 and formed govt with outside support from Congress, but it lasted only for 49 days in power. The second election in 2015 saw AAP winning 67 of the 70 seats with a massive vote share of 54.6%. In 2020, the vote share dropped to 53.6% and the party won 62 seats.

Party sources said IPAC helped in the launch of 'AAP Ka Report Card', which was delivered to the voters' doorstep. IPAC also helped AAP hold town hall meetings with news channels, organise mohalla sabhas. It also advised AAP to release a guarantee card. The consultancy firm has handled campaigns for various political parties across the country.

Kejriwal meets kin of man killed in Pitampura, says murderers still free

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New Delhi: Stepping up his attack on BJP, AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday demanded the resignation of Union home minister Amit Shah, alleging he could not handle the "chaotic" law and order situation in the capital.

Kejriwal was visiting the family of a youth who was stabbed to death 14 days ago outside his house in a Pitampura slum cluster. He claimed there was chaos in the city and people were "afraid of stepping out of their homes" due to rising incidents of crimes.

"If Shah is unable to handle law and order in Delhi and his concern is only making political tours across the country, then he should resign," the former CM said, calling for accountability from the BJP-led Centre.

"Manish was stabbed multiple times and I was told that he died because he could not be taken to hospital in time. The other victim, Himanshu, was saved. Police have not recorded his statement as a witness," Kejriwal alleged.

Manish, who started working as a wedding photographer after his father died of Covid in 2020, was his family's sole breadwinner. Grieving her son's loss, his mother Renu (50) said, "Nobody can understand the pain of losing a child. He sacrificed his education to support us."

Laxmi (27), his sister, told **TOI**, "Kejriwal came to see us, and we are grateful that people care. But where were the same ministers when we were begging for justice? My brother was still breathing when we found him stabbed and bleeding. We could have saved him if we had more help taking him to the hospital. But we were late, and nobody helped us."

Usha (50), Himanshu's mother, claimed she saw the attack but couldn't do much due to her poor eyesight: "I saw someone being beaten up, but I thought it was normal in our colony. Later, I realised it was my son who was stabbed."

"The murderer threatened me, so we saved my son and tried getting help," she said, adding, "It's hell living here now."

Himanshu, the family's sole breadwinner after his father's death, is now bedridden due to severe breathing issues following the attack.

Kejriwal claimed police were threatening the victims and not taking action against the accused. "The criminals who committed this horrific act are roaming freely, openly intimidating others and threatening that anyone who speaks up will not be spared," he alleged.

Denying this, DCP (North West) Abhishek Dhania said: "Not only did we arrest the accused, Vikas (19), within 24 hours of registering the complaint, we also ensured increased surveillance and patrolling in the area."

Kejriwal's visit was marred by protests by opposition members. Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva criticised the AAP convener, saying he had lost touch with Delhi's people due to his govt's "inefficiency, mismanagement and corruption".

"He is trying to defend his political position by highlighting crime incidents that happened over the past few months. But, he remained silent about the deaths of over 50 people in the past three months due to drowning in waterlogged areas or electrocution. He is trying to divert public attention by speaking about crime incidents to avoid responsibility for his govt's criminal negligence," he said.

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Man loses ₹30L to investment scam

New Delhi: A man was arrested for duping a person of Rs 30 lakh in the name of investment scheme. The accused, a former Aadhaar centre employee, created fake Aadhaar cards under fictitious names to establish fraudulent companies. These companies were used to funnel the illegal money. The accused was identified as Rahul Kumar Srivastava, a resident of Gorakhpur. The victim, Pawan Kumar, was lured into a WhatsApp group where members, including the accused, posted fake screenshots of lucrative investment opportunities. The members of this group were part of a syndicate that manipulated Kumar into making the investments. DCP (outer north) Nidhin Valsan said the total amount of money siphoned off from multiple victims was estimated to be around Rs 2.5 crore. TNN

DIAL receives Centre's notice over roof collapse at Terminal 1

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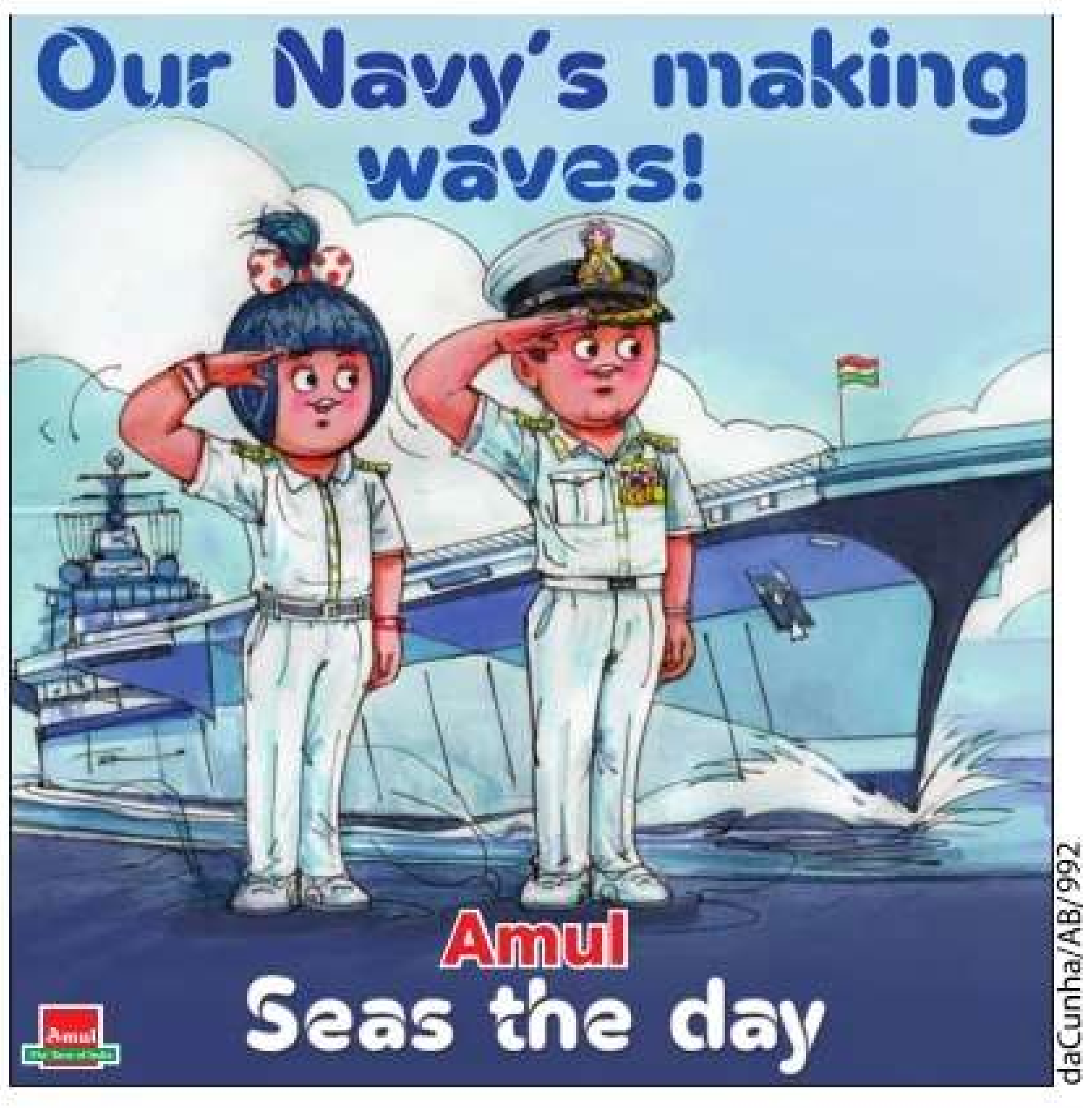
New Delhi: The central govt has issued a showcause notice to Delhi International Airport Ltd over the issue of roof collapse at Terminal 1 this June that had left a person dead. The Union aviation ministry had asked IIT Delhi to examine the 2009-built structure and find the reason for its collapse. The audit team is learnt to have found structural deficiencies, said sources, after which Airports Authority of India served the notice to DIAL.

Sources say the IIT Delhi study has mentioned multiple issues, including weakness in parts of T1 that did not collapse. The experts have said that strengthening is needed to rectify the defects.

A DIAL spokesperson said: "Report of the study conducted by IIT Delhi has been shared with us. AAI wanted some clarifications on the points raised by them. Our team of experts is currently preparing a comprehensive response to these queries and they will be submitted within the stipulated timeline."

T1 was closed following the June incident. A small unaffected part of T1 was allowed to be used from mid-Aug and the terminal is operating at a fraction of its capacity. The govt had recently asked DIAL to begin repair of T1. The airport operator has got a repair-strengthening plan prepared from Larsen & Toubro that has been run past IIT Delhi.

For airlines and passengers, this is the second winter of discontent at the country's busiest airport. Last winter, there was an issue with fog landings as only one runway had a CAT III instrument landing system. This time, there is a terminal-side capacity crunch since the collapse in June. T3 is massively overcrowded as it handles more flights along with the nearby T2 as the expanded T1 is yet to get fully operational.



LG prods for filling posts of Punjabi teachers

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New Delhi: Reviewing a status report on the promotion of the Punjabi language by Delhi govt's Punjabi Academy, LG V K Saxena on Tuesday expressed concern over a number of vacancies of language teachers in state-run schools and the "poor" utilisation of the budget allocated to it. He directed the chief secretary to conduct a thorough investigation into its functioning.

Raj Niwas officials said 752 posts of trained graduate teachers and four posts of postgraduate teachers were vacant in schools run by Delhi govt's DoE. Nearly 26% of funds for the academy remained unutilised in the last fiscal, leading to a 17% budget reduction in the ongoing fiscal.

AAP said it was surprising LG was concerned about shortage of Punjabi teachers and budget utilisation of Punjabi Academy: "Has he forgotten this is a service matter? The same services department which was taken away from the elected govt."

Punjabi is one of the official languages of Delhi.

LG made the observations while reviewing the status report submitted by Punjabi Academy, which is under the department of art, culture and languages. He had forwarded a representation made to him by Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee.

"Observing the report was incomplete and didn't reflect the complete picture with respect to DSGMC's concerns, LG ordered a thorough investigation, directing the CS to examine the issue with all stakeholders," said an official.

LG observed the ACL department should have sought details from the academy on vacancies and efforts made to address deficiencies, the official added. He said the crisis of teachers impacted the quality of Punjabi language education.

Officials said the academy spent Rs 20 crore of the allotted Rs 27.3 crore during FY 2023-24.

"LG observed a lack of seriousness in the efforts by authorities towards attaining the objectives with which Punjabi Academy was established, adversely affecting the promotion, propagation and development of the language."

Wait Over, Revised Budget Docus Get Central Approval

Delhi Govt Okayed File On Thursday, Forwarded It To LG

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The Delhi Assembly session started last Friday

New Delhi: AAP govt is likely to table the Delhi Appropriation Bill seeking supplementary grants as per the revised budget estimates for the 2024-25 financial year in the Delhi assembly on Wednesday or Thursday.

Sources said the Union ministry of home affairs gave its approval to the revised budget estimates late on Tuesday and sent it back to lieutenant governor VK Saxena. LG will now sign the bill and send it back to Delhi govt, paving the way for its tabling in the House.

The bill, which seeks supplementary grants to meet expenses for various schemes, projects, and other overheads, was approved by the Delhi cabinet on Thursday and was sent to LG to be forwarded to the home ministry for its approval. Sources said the file was placed before the home minister by the ministry on Tuesday, and it was approved and sent back late in the evening.

The Delhi assembly session started on Friday but took a two-day break after the weekend since the approval of the revised budget estimates and supplementary grants was awaited, only to be resumed on Wednesday. Being a union territory, the home ministry approves the annual budget and revised budget of Delhi every year as a practice.

With assembly elections due in Feb, getting approval for supplementary grants as per its revised budget estimates was crucial for Delhi govt to pump in money for various important welfare schemes and projects. Delhi govt tabled a budget of Rs 76,000 crore in March this year.

Before the start of the exercise to prepare the revised budget estimates in Oct this year, the finance department of Delhi govt highlighted the additional requirement of Rs 3,000 crore for various revenue expenditures in the current financial year. The finance department mentioned that those expenditures were not accounted for in the 2024-25 budget estimates and included funds for enhanced pensions and allowances as per the National Judicial Pay Commission, power subsidies, viability funding for electric buses, desilting of drains, and covering part of Delhi Metro's operational losses during the Covid years.

In a letter to the chief secretary last month, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation sought an allocation of Rs 7,200 crore in the revised estimates for various commitments.

In the revised budget estimates for 2023-24, Delhi govt cut down its expenditure on advertising and non-fructifying schemes and allocated additional funds for Delhi Jal Board, education, public works, and transport.

139 modular water harvesting pits to conserve rainwater in NDMC areas

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NDMC now has 357 rainwater harvesting pits

New Delhi: To conserve rainwater, New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has finalised a plan to construct 139 modular water harvesting pits. Work on the project will start soon.

"Of the 139 pits, 95 will be constructed by the road division and 44 by the building department. Tendering for the project is already done, and work can start anytime on the ground. These pits are environment-friendly, cost-effective, require less maintenance, and take much less time to construct," said NDMC vice-chairman Kuljeet Chahal.

As of now, there are 357 rainwater harvesting pits in NDMC areas. Of these, 273 were constructed by the road division department and 84 by the building department.

"Some of these pits included modular RWH projects, and based on their performance, a decision was taken to replicate the concept. If required, we will take the help of the jal shakti ministry in implementing the project. The points identified will help in evading waterlogging as well as rainwater conservation," said Chahal.

The locations where these pits are proposed include Janpath Road, Ashoka Road, Jaswant Singh Road, Jantar Mantar Road, Hanuman Road Park, Vakil Lane, Balwant Rai Mehta Lane, Copernicus Lane, Bhagwan Das Road, Pandara Park, Subramaniam Bharti Marg, Kaka Nagar and Bapa Nagar.

The modular system consists of prefabricated polymer-based blocks that are placed in an interlocked configuration. These are laid around the borewell pipe, which is 30-35 metres deep for efficient percolation of water.

Explaining the operation of the system, an official earlier informed that the modular system consists of three chambers and everything is completely underground, except for the cover of the drain and filter chamber.

"The rainwater collected from stormwater drains on roads goes into underground brick masonry manholes. From the middle of this chamber, a pipe is connected to the second chamber called the filter unit. It has a strainer to catch all dirt, silt and solid items, allowing movement to the steel bucket installed on the lower side of this chamber," explained the official.

The third chamber connects to this bucket arrangement via a pipeline. "The third or main chamber is made of ready-made polymer-based blocks and placed in an interlocked position. The whole system is wrapped with geotextile fabric to restrict the entry of soil into the system," said the official.

The structure enables rainwater to seep into the borewell pipe through its perforations whilst maintaining capacity for additional water storage. This design allows the space above to be utilised for purposes such as vehicle parking.

Cong promises 400 units of free power if it wins Delhi polls

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New Delhi: To woo the electorate in the capital, Delhi Congress on Tuesday announced that it would provide 400 units of free electricity to the residents of the city if it wins the assembly polls scheduled for Feb next year.

The announcement was made by state Congress chief Devender Yadav during the 'Delhi Nyay Yatra' in West Delhi's Kirari assembly area. While AAP-led Delhi govt currently provides free electricity to consumers using up to 200 units of electricity, the manifesto committee of the Delhi BJP also announced on Monday that it would continue all free schemes being run in the capital by the incumbent elected dispensation.

Yadav also claimed that his party's govt would enforce "strict checks and balances" to ensure that the power distribution companies complied with rules and regulations. The upcoming poll is crucial for the Congress, which drew a blank in the last two assembly elections and its vote share too fell drastcially to just 4.3% in 2020.

The month-long Nyay Yatra, which started on Nov 8, will culminate next week with a grand event planned at Talkatora Stadium on Dec 8. Senior Delhi Congress functionaries said the national leadership of the party, including president Mallikarjun Kharge and MPs Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi, were likely to attend the event. With assembly polls only a couple of months away, the Nyay Yatra and the event at Talkatora Stadium are expected to boost the state unit of the party.

Congress functionaries said that senior party leaders, including Rahul Gandhi, were also expected to join the Yatra on either Dec 5 or 6. While the Yatra is likely to cover Rohini and Rithala assembly segments on Dec 5, it will reach Badli and Narela on Dec 6. The Yatra has so far covered almost all assembly constituencies in Chandni Chowk, northeast Delhi, South Delhi, and West Delhi, among other parliamentary areas. Led by Yadav, a large number of local functionaries joined the march. A senior party functionary, however, said a large number of former MLAs and senior state unit functionaries either stayed away from it or their participation was "customary".

"There was a lot of enthusiasm among the local workers, but some senior state unit functionaries were not that active. We hope that with Rahul Gandhi Ji and other national leaders joining us in the next few days, they will also come out and support us," said a Delhi Congress functionary.

Quran case: BJP protest on AAP MLA's conviction

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New Delhi: Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva, along with BJP Minority Morcha workers, held a protest near AAP convenor Arvind Kejriwal's residence in Delhi on Tuesday.

The protest came after AAP MLA Naresh Yadav was found guilty in a Quran sacrilege case. The BJP workers held placards and raised slogans against Yadav.

A court in Punjab has sentenced Yadav, AAP MLA from Mehrauli, to two years' imprisonment in the 2016 Malerkotla Quran sacrilege case.

Additional sessions judge Parminder Singh Grewal in Malerkotla imposed a fine of Rs 11,000 on Yadav.

Sachdeva said: "Arvind Kejriwal and the INDIA bloc's silence has stunned citizens. Today, Asaduddin Owaisi, Congress, and SP are silent."

MLA Vijender Gupta said, "Those who claim to champion Muslim interests merely see them as vote banks."

BJP functionary Anis Abbasi said Delhi's Muslim community is angered by Yadav's actions and Kejriwal's decision to retain him in AAP.

150 mohalla buses in depot, to be launched in two weeks

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New Delhi: Delhi govt will launch the first batch of 150 nine-metre-long mohalla buses in the next two weeks. The remaining over 2,000 will be introduced in phases by 2025.

While inspecting the mohalla buses at Kushak Nala Electric Bus Depot, chief minister Atishi said: "We are here at the Kushak Nala Electric Bus Depot to inspect the 9-metre-long, low-floor electric mohalla buses. The first batch of 150 has already arrived at this depot."

The buses are designed to navigate congested neighbourhoods where larger buses cannot operate, ensuring seamless and efficient public transport, she said.

She reviewed the facilities for passengers, inspected the charging infrastructure, and even travelled in one of the buses along with officials.

"These buses were tested on two routes and will be operational on the roads within the next two weeks. Guided by Arvind Kejriwalji, these buses will revolutionise transportation in congested areas where 12-metre-long buses cannot operate." These buses are fully air-conditioned, equipped with panic buttons, CCTV and GPS.

The buses are powered with electric batteries and designed for narrow and congested areas where standard 12-metre DTC buses cannot operate. These buses will also improve connectivity to key transport hubs like metro stations, saving time and reducing the need for multiple bus changes or auto-rickshaw rides, govt said. Each bus is equipped with six battery packs totalling 196 kW capacity, offering a range of over 200km on a 45-minute charge. With 23 seats and standing space for 13 passengers, these green-coloured buses are easily identifiable.

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said it was unfortunate that closer to the elections, Atishi had begun selling dreams to Delhiites by proposing buses as a solution for last-mile connectivity.

"Madam, you represent the well-developed Kalkaji area. Can 9-metre buses run on the internal roads of your constituency or can they navigate through the narrow lane?" Sachdeva asked.

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Tough Backstories That Created Positive Tales

Determined To Beat The Odds, These Differently Abled People Get Recognised For Their Spirited Fight

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New Delhi: As a Class XI student, Mallikarjuna Iytha listened silently to his teacher's advice: "You will find science difficult. Take arts." Because of his 88% locomotor disability, he was being urged to give up his passion for science. "I encountered rejection at a young age, especially in school," said Iytha. "Being pushed to take arts due to my disability was one such rejection."

Facing almost physical rejection was Ranveer Singh Saini, whose father had to bribe streetchildren with chocolates so they could gather around his friendless son as he cut a birthday cake like his peers did. Iytha and Saini were among the recipients of the Shresht Divyangjan Award conferred by the Union ministry of social justice and empowerment on Tuesday for having made significant contributions towards inclusivity and breaking barriers.

Underneath the bright smiles of the awardees lay the real stories of their tough journeys in life as persons with disability (PwD). Being told to join the arts course, for instance, put Iytha in depression but he found the strength to soldier on. "The same suggestion came when I tried to pursue a PhD in environmental science," he revealed. Later, after working in a multinational company as a disability employee, he realized the corporate environment wasn't as inclusive as made out to be. "People preferred to see me working in lower capacities rather than in leadership positions," he disclosed.

Determined to change this, Iytha founded Inclusive Divyangjan Entrepreneur Association (IDEA) to create job opportunities for persons with disabilities. IDEA now supports over 1,060 disabled entrepreneurs and has facilitated employment for more than 2,500 individuals.

'NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE'

Text: Ishita Jairath | Photos: Piyal Bhattacharjee

Chhonzin Angmo | 28

Disability: 100% visual impairment
Chango, Himachal Pradesh

After losing her eyesight at eight, Angmo felt she was a burden on her family in her remote village. "Everything changed when a survey team visited our area and I joined a school in Ladakh focused on inclusive education. For the first time, I met people who were just like me," she said. Before moving to Delhi in 2015, she had no interest in mountaineering. But seeing others going on treks piqued her curiosity, and after her first, she was hooked. "Some time later, I became the first blind woman to trek to the Everest Base Camp. But after my mountaineering achievements, people would speak to my guide instead of me. I realised society sympathises with people like us but think our impairment is our weakness. I believe blindness is my strength."

Ranveer Singh Saini | 24

Disability: 50% intellectual disability
Gurgaon, Haryana

Diagnosed with an intellectual disability at two, Saini grew up with few friends. To ensure he wasn't isolated, his parents often invited street children to birthday celebrations and playdates. After exploring activities like piano and swimming, the boy discovered golf at the age of eight in 2009. Golf became his escape and his drive in life. "Today, it's therapy, training and meditation — it keeps me going," he smiled. Beyond the golf course, he's also a skilled cook, whipping up dishes ranging from pumpkin masala to mutton gosht, proof of his creativity and resilience.

Prathamesh Sinha | 13

Disability: 100% blindness | **Pune, Maharashtra**

Surgery for brain tumour when Sinha was just 16 months old left him completely blind. With school no longer an option, his mother quit her job to homeschool him. Sinha was exceptional, even memorising shlokas at the age of 8. When the tumour recurred in 2019, another surgery followed, and he had to use the ANNE device to monitor his vitals while in blind school in Pune. The device developers took him to *Shark Tank*, where he described his experience with the machine. He also made a presentation on the device before PM Narendra Modi. "I want to raise awareness about specially abled individuals. It's important to understand that we are not different, we are a part of society. We don't need sympathy, we need empathy," said the teenager.

Ashutosh | 32

Disability: 100% hearing impairment
Gurgaon, Haryana

Born deaf in 1992, Ashutosh was his parents' first child. Knowing the challenges he would face, they still enrolled him in a regular school, where he had to put in extra hours to keep up. "My favourite line is 'Nothing is impossible', and it motivates me to tackle hardships and embrace challenges," he said. "Every obstacle is only an opportunity to push one's limit." This never-say-die spirit inspired him to participate in India's first beauty pageant for plus-size models, proving that sheer determination can overcome physical odds.

Mallikarjuna Iytha | 49

Disability: 88% locomotor disability
Dwarka, New Delhi

Being 88% disabled since childhood, Iytha faced constant challenges and quickly realised how difficult it was to pursue passions when the world constantly taunted you with 'You can't'. "Every time I chose something I loved, whether it was a school subject or my PhD course, I was reminded of my physical limitations," he revealed. He also found companies hiring PwDs lacked true inclusivity in terms of environment. Determined to change this, he founded Inclusive Divyangjan Entrepreneur Association, or IDEA, in 2019, dedicated to creating opportunities for PwDs. IDEA has since assisted over 1,200 PwD entrepreneurs, 33% of them women. His mission is to incubate 5,000 more to break social barriers.

Danish Mahajan | 36

Disability: 100% visual impairment | **Pathankot, Punjab**

At 14, he lost his sight and stayed home for four years, uncertain about his future. At 18, a doctor encouraged him to continue his education. He then founded Radio Udaan in 2014 as a platform for the blind. "Back then, few in technology addressed the challenges faced by specially abled individuals," said Mahajan. "I saw this as an opportunity to raise awareness and started a news bulletin for the blind." He said mindsets had to change and accessibility and employment should no longer be challenges. "Integrating blind individuals into mainstream society is essential," he declared.

Saini too had a childhood he would perhaps want to forget. Diagnosed with autism at the age of two, the golfer with a 50% intellectual disability, now 24 years old, was left alone by children of his age. His father, Kartikay Saini, recalled, "When all the other kids were having birthday parties with friends and family, I was bribing street kids with chocolates to make my son's birthday feel special and to play with him." He also remembered his son covering his ears, walking into objects and scratching his face at social events.

"But we made a conscious decision not to isolate him," continued the father. "We gave him opportunities to express himself — sports, cooking, piano." Coming from a family of golfers, he also wondered why his son shouldn't try golf. And the sport, indeed, became Saini's passion. He became the first Indian to win a golf gold at the 2015 Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles. He has won four gold medals at the Special Olympics Asia Pacific Golf Masters, a silver at the 2019 Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi, and another gold at the 2023 Berlin Games.

Besides golf, Saini is deeply committed to his therapy. "I go for speech and occupational therapy five times a week," he said. His week is full with training for fitness and other needs. Saini has interests off the golf course too. "He loves cooking and prepares lovely meals for us," his father beamed. "He also swims with a passion."

Just as Saini's parents tried to prod him into normal preoccupations, Ashutosh's parents too did not yield to enrolling their deaf first son in a special school. His mother, an economics lecturer, gave up her to be able to take care of him. Every day, they travelled 35km to a hospital for therapy to help him overcome his hearing and speaking difficulties.

"Throughout my schooling, teachers suggested a special school, but my parents refused. They believed I could be just like any other child," said Ashutosh. And a normal life he has led. From studying at the Indian Institute of Management to walking the ramp at the FDCI Lakmé Fashion Week, his life has underlined his belief that nothing is Impossible. "Life is a gift, and I will continue to chase my dreams," he smiled.

Ease of living for disabled earmark of growth: Prez

Times News Network

New Delhi: President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday emphasised the need for empathy, inclusivity and equal opportunities for persons with disabilities (PwDs) and said ensuring "ease of living" for them was a crucial measure of progress.

Speaking at a programme to mark International Day of PwDs, she also said that the Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan (Accessible India Campaign) exemplifies the govt's commitment to improving the ease of living for divyangjans.

On the day, the govt launched the "Standardised Bharti Braille Code" draft in 13 Indian languages and the "Kadam Knee Joint", designed by IIT Madras, to provide enhanced mobility and durability, among other initiatives.

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"Ease of living for Divyangjan is a crucial metric of societal progress. A truly sensitive society ensures equal opportunities and seamless access for everyone," she said at the national awards ceremony organised by the Department of Empowerment of PwDs here.

"They need empathy, not sympathy. They deserve natural affection, not special attention. Above all, they should experience respect," Murmu said, urging people to foster a society that treats persons with disabilities with dignity and equality. The president called for special efforts to reach Divyangjans in rural and remote areas.

ED seizes ₹32cr worth of bank guarantees, FDs of two builders

Times News Network

New Delhi: Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday said it seized Rs 32 crore worth of bank guarantees and fixed deposits during its Nov 25 searches at 14 locations across Delhi-NCR in connection with allegations against Three C builders and its associate Orris group laundering Rs 500 crore of homebuyers' money.

On the complaints of several homebuyers, FIRs were registered by the Delhi Police's Economic Offences Wing against the builders. Orris Infrastructure Pvt Ltd promoters Vijay Gupta and Amit Gupta, and Three C Shelters Pvt Ltd's Nirmal Singh Uppal and Vidhur Bhardwaj have been accused of being involved in a criminal conspiracy to siphon off more than Rs 500 crore collected from homebuyers and not completing housing projects.

"During the search operations, several incriminating documents related to diversion, layering of funds, property documents and other asset details of the entities such as sale deeds, registration deeds, etc. laptops and hard drives were recovered and seized," the Enforcement Directorate said.

Further, the agency recovered evidence of money laundering from secret lockers kept on the office premises of Orris Infrastructure Pvt Ltd. Various FDs and bank guarantees worth over Rs 31 crore in the name of Orris group of companies have been frozen.

The ED has also frozen bank accounts and lockers belonging to promoters of the two groups, besides seizing four luxury cars, including a Mercedes, Porsche and BMW, from the residence of one of the promoters of Orris group.

Orris Infrastructure and Three C Shelters entered into an agreement to develop a residential group housing society, Greenpolis, at Sector 89 in Gurgaon, on a 47 acre land owned by Orris group. The development rights were granted to Three C Shelters.

"However, the promoters of Orris Infrastructure and Three C Shelters hatched a criminal conspiracy and siphoned off money of homebuyers by not completing the project within the stipulated time, and the residential units were not delivered to the homebuyers," the enforcement agency said.

Despite court orders, FOBs fail to meet disabled-friendly standards

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TIMES Special

New Delhi: The city has failed to provide disabled-friendly infrastructure, which was evident on Tuesday, the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, when **TOI** took a round of the capital and examined seven public facilities.

At Ashram Chowk, the lifts on both ends of the foot overbridge above the underpass, constructed as part of the decongestion plan and completed in 2023, weren't working. Neither was the escalator functioning. Suggesting that these facilities weren't cleaned and maintained, there were puddles of urine in front of the bridge and thick dust covered the structure.

On Mathura Road, there is a new FOB connecting the new and the old building of the Supreme Court. While space has been created for it at the bridge, the lift itself wasn't working, surprising given that it's been only a year since the facility was inaugurated. At ITO too, the FOB next to PWD Headquarters has a dysfunctional escalator at one end, while the other has a poorly designed ramp, which also wasn't wide enough for comfortable movement of a wheelchair. According to office workers who use the facility, the escalators have been in this condition for two-three years. There were paan stains and garbage littered on the bridge, giving the impression of a lack of regular cleaning.

Last year in Dec, while considering if the city's FOBs were disabled friendly, Delhi High Court criticised them for being in such a "pathetic condition" that even a healthy person wouldn't be able to use them. After that, PWD assured the court that repairs and necessary changes would be made. But a year later, the situation hasn't changed much as TOI's check on Tuesday showed.

On Noida Link Road, there are two FOBs between Mayur Vihar and Mayur Extension. Both had non-functioning lifts and iron grilles had been installed to protect them from theft. There are only stairs, no escalators or ramps to support people with disabilities. Further south on Bhishma Pitamah Marg near Lodhi Colony, an FOB constructed during the Commonwealth Games in 2010 also had only stairs going up. The old structure has no lift though there is space for it. There are no ramps or escalators either.

At the Oberoi Hotel flyover, the FOB has a lift with no power to run it. According to the locals, this has been the status of the flyover for a long time. In its state, it doesn't serve the PwDs who come to the blind school nearby.

The only disabled friendly facility noted by **TOI** was the skywalk over Tilak Marg, where the lifts were operational.

"Officials keep claiming in court that overbridges are being made accessible for PwDs, but the reality is grim," said Pankaj Mehta, an advocate who filed an ongoing PIL in Delhi High Court in 2022. "Even after the high court pulled up PWD, the agency has not taken any concrete steps to fix the lapses. The authorities show absolutely no seriousness about the matter."

There was no response from PWD to **TOI**'s queries.

Last year, on the high court's directions, PWD announced the formation of a committee to look after the maintenance of these public facilities. In March, the panel came up with a comprehensive plan for maintaining FOBs, which includes cleaning and securing them against vandalism. Evidently, not much has moved forward in this aspect.

Most of the FOBs were constructed by the PWD and are currently managed by them. The lack of lifts and escalators at the bridges makes them inaccessible to people with disabilities and old people. The installation of lifts and escalators is mandatory under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

HOW FUNCTIONAL THEY ARE

Photos: Tarun Rawat

100 FOOT OVERBRIDGES UNDER PWD

KEY ISSUES
Dysfunctional Lifts
Lack of Cleanliness
Missing Grills, Steps and Roof
Theft of Electrical Items

CURRENT STATE

ASHRAM FOB
- Dysfunctional escalator & lift
- Unhygienic condition
- Ramp connecting to lift present

NOIDA LINK ROAD FOB
- Dysfunctional lift
- No ramp connecting to lift
- Has staircase

ITO FOB
- Dysfunctional escalator
- No lift
- A slope exists, but it is poorly designed and cannot be accessed through wheelchair
- Unhygienic conditions

Bhishma Pitamah Marg (JLN stadium) FOB
- No lift, but lift box present
- No ramp
- Broken tiles at entrance
- Unhygienic conditions

OBEROI FLYOVER (near Blind school)
- Dysfunctional lift
- No escalator
- Ramp connects to lift area

ITO skywalk
Lifts functional

MAJOR MISHAP | On Dec 22, 2023, a boy died after falling from a six-metre-high FOB near Mandoli Jail on Wazirabad Road

Patel Chowk metro stn to get Ridge Interpretation Centre

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New Delhi: Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) will set up a ridge interpretation centre at Patel Chowk metro station to showcase the unique features of the Delhi Ridge and create awareness among public about the city's green lungs. The centre is likely to be completed in 18 months.

The creation of the interpretation centre was part of the conditions laid down by a Supreme Court-appointed central empowered committee (CEC) in 2008 when DMRC was constructing the Chhatarpur metro station on the Yellow Line.

CEC then gave permission to use some parts of the land on the Ridge and asked DMRC to construct the centre.

"A ridge interpretation centre would have to be set up in order to reflect the rich ecology of the area, educate the public at large, and increase the awareness of the people towards the vital attributes of Delhi Ridge," CEC had said.

Anuj Dayal, principal executive director, corporate communications, said the centre is being built by DMRC according to the directions of Supreme Court. "It shall be developed as a facility where visitors will be able to get all necessary details about the Ridge areas of Delhi. DMRC intends to develop this centre as a storehouse of information regarding the ridge and the various sustainability efforts being taken up to preserve this green lung of the national capital," Dayal said.

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HECTARES OF RIDGE AREA IN THE CAPITAL

Another DMRC official said the centre will be a treasure trove of information regarding the ridge areas. "The centre will provide details on what efforts have been taken for the conservation of the ridge and protection of flora and fauna there. This will help in creating awareness among the people about these vast green areas which serve as the green lung of the national capital," the official added.

Initially, the plan was to build this centre at the Qutub Minar metro station, but Patel Chowk was later finalised as it is centrally located. DMRC also has a metro museum at Patel Chowk metro station.

Delhi has Northern Ridge, Central Ridge, South-central Ridge and Southern Ridge. The total area of these four ridges is around 7,777 hectares. The Southern Ridge stands as the most extensive, spread over 6,200 hectares.

The Central Ridge covers 864 hectares, while the South-central Ridge extends across 626 hectares and the Northern occupies 87 hectares.

Besides, seven hectares of DDA land at Nanakpura Gurdwara have also been notified to be part of the Central Ridge, but the final notification will be issued after the settlement of rights, claims and objections by the Forest Settlement Officers, according to the Delhi forest department's website.

Armyman extorted of ₹20k on fake rape threat

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New Delhi: Sukesh Sharma*, an armyman, never imagined that a routine visit to Delhi would turn into a nightmare. A month ago, Sharma found himself trapped in a web of extortion, threatened by individuals who sought to destroy his reputation.

The events unfolded with alarming speed. Sharma checked into Hotel New Karan in Paharganj, only to be coerced by a staff member and a mysterious woman into parting with Rs 20,250. The extortionists wielded a sinister threat: they would fabricate a false rape case against Sharma if he refused to comply.

Sharma then gave a complaint to cops at the newly set up tourist police booth at New Delhi Railway Station who arrested the staffer of the hotel and also the woman.

An officer said Sharma was stationed in Madhya Pradesh and was going home to Himachal Pradesh. "On the way, he detrained at New Delhi Railway Station and took a hotel room nearby where he thought he could rest before taking a bus to his hometown. A woman came into the room and said she would do the cleaning work. However, after a few minutes, she and the hotel staff began demanding money from the armyman, intimidating him by threatening to frame him in a false rape case if he didn't give them the money," the officer added.

DCP (Central) M Harsha Vardhan said the staff at the tourist booth immediately started their investigation, leading to the arrests. "The hotel has been sealed," he added.

The DCP further said they regularly held meetings with the hotel association members in Paharganj and briefed them about safety and security measures. "We also ask them to inform police if they find any such illegal activities happening in hotels," he added.

A case under sections 308 (2) (extortion), 127(2) (wrongful confinement) and 3(5) (common intention) of BNS has been registered.

Another senior officer said they were investigating whether any other person was duped by them in the same manner.

**Name of the victim changed to protect his identity*

Govt to conduct CAG audit of women's univ

Times News Network

New Delhi: Delhi govt has decided to conduct a CAG audit of the accounts of Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women (IGDTUW) for the next five years. Chief minister Atishi has approved the move to ensure financial accountability and transparency.

"This decision will ensure transparency and accountability in the financial affairs of IGDTUW. Through the audit, any financial mismanagement will be identified and addressed," Atishi said.

"The audit will guarantee that taxpayers' money is utilised appropriately and effectively," she said. Highlighting the importance of this initiative, the CM said, "The move will foster transparency and accountability in the university's financial matters. For AAP govt, improving the standards of education in higher institutions alongside better financial management has always been a priority." The CM also pointed out that the audit will ensure a thorough examination of all financial transactions and expenditures of the university.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Online NIeT is invited by the EE, BNWD, P.W.Dte., vide Tender No. WBPWD/EE/BNWD/NIeT-14e/24-25 for the work of "Special Repair and Renovation of block no. O1, O2, P1, P2, Q1, Q2, R1, R2, S1, S2, T1, T2, U-(13 Nos) at Shymali Housing Estate, Salt Lake, Kolkata-64 - Through outside repairing including plinth protection and painting during the year 2024-2025." Estimated Amount put to Tender Rs. 84,81,962/- (T/ID: 2024_WBPWD_776657_1). Bid proposal submission start date & time (Online)- 09/12/2024 from 18.55 P.M. Bid proposal Submission end date & time (Online)- 24/12/2024 upto 02.00 P.M. Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http://etender.wb.nic.in and this Office notice board. Sd/- EE, PWD, BNWD.

ICA- T21898(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

Assistant Engineer, Suri Highway Sub-Division , P.W. (Roads) Directorate invites online e-quotation for the work of Hiring of 1 no. Inspection Vehicle on Daily basis for official use of the Assistant Engineer, Suri Highway Sub- Division,, P.W.(Roads)Dte. (Mass Emission Standard BS-IV & above Diesel Engine. e-NIQ No.01of 2024-25/AE/SHSD Tender Id. 2024_WBPWD_777152_1 Bid Submission start date (online):-03-12-24 at 11.00 A.M. Bid submission closing date (online):-30-12-24 at 4.30P.M. Details of N.I.Q. and Tender documents may be downloaded from: http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/-AE, SHHD P.W.R.D. Govt. of WB.

ICA- T21926(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

Superintending Engineer, Central Circle, P.W.Dte. invites e_NIT No.- 03 (2nd call) of 2024-2025, on behalf of the Governor of the state of WB. Tender ID : 2024_PWD_776423_1. Name of work - Construction of Proposed 100 Bedded Critical Care Block (CCB) G+3) at Nadia District Hospital, Saktinagar Campus in the District of Nadia. Estimated amount: 23,21,25,563/- (Schedule Items) + Non Schedule Items, Earnest Money: 10,00,000/- Period of completion :- 540 days. Online Bid submission :- start date & time: 06.12.2024 from 6.00 pm. Closing date & time: 27.12.2024 at 3:00 pm. Corrigendum if any, except time extension will be published in website only. Details of e_N.I.T. and Tender documents may be downloaded from https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Central Circle , P.W.Dte.

ICA- T21939(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

Executive Engineer, Bardhaman Electrical Division, P.W.D. invites online e-Tender for the work of : Repair and replacement of various types electrical switch board, switches, ceiling fan, fan regulators LED tube light street light luminaries and servicing of water purify and PV system at Burdwan Model Madrasa. eNIT / NIQ No.- WBPWD/EEBED/NIQ-44/2024-25, Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_776477_1. Bid submission start date (online): 29.11.2024 from 06:00 P.M. Bid submission closing date (online): 13.12.2024 upto 06.00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T / N.I.Q. and Tender documents may be downloaded from : http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Bardhaman Electrical Division

ICA- T21936(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender of NIT No. 33 of 2024-25 by the of E.E./Diamond Harbour Highway Division. EE, Diamond Harbour Hwy Div, Dakshin Hazipur, Diamond Harbour-743331 invites on line percentage rate etender whose ID No. 2024_SH_776286. The details can be obtained from the website https://wbtenders.gov.in & office notice board. Corrigendum or Addendum if issued will be published only on website previously mentioned. Documents down load end date (online) & Bid submission end date (online) will be 20.12.2024 upto 12.00 Hrs. Sd/- EE, Diamond Harbour Highway Division P.W.(Roads) Directorate, Govt. of WB.

ICA- T21908(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, PWD, Kolkata East Division invites e-Tender on Percentage rate and Item rate basis vide e-Tender No. WBPWD/EE/KED/NIT-29/2024-2025 for 3(Three) nos work vide Tender ID No. 2024_WBPWD_777200_1 to 3 of 2024-2025. Bid Submission Start date (online) is 06.12.2024 from 2.30 PM. Bid Submission closing date (online) is 20.12.2024 upto 2.30 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T and Tender documents may be down loaded from https://wbetenders.gov.in Sd/-Executive Engineer, PWD, Kolkata East Division

ICA- T21934(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

"E-TENDER FOR PROCUREMENT OF KITS, CHEMICALS & REAGENTS FOR TWO YEARS FROM THE DATE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT (AOC) AT MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITALS KOL-73 Vide NIT NO: MCH/E-TEN/13694, Dated- 28.11.2024. The Manufacturers , Direct Importers or Distributors may visit the Website: "**https://wbtenders.gov.in**" & "**www.wbhealth.gov.in**" on and from 05.12.2024 for further details Bid submission start date (online): 12.12.24. Bid submission closing date (online): 31.12.24. Sd/- Medical Superintendent Cum Vice Principal, Medical College & Hospitals, Kolkata.

ICA- T21841(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

E-TENDER FOR PROCUREMENT OF ESSENTIAL DRUG FOR TWO YEARS FROM THE DATE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT (AOC) AT MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITALS KOL-73 Vide NIT NO: MCH/E-TEN/13779 Dated 28.11.2024. The Manufacturers, Direct Importers or Distributors may visit the Website "https://wbtenders.gov.in" & "www.wbhealth.gov.in" on and from 05.12.2024 for further details. Bid submission start date (online): 12.12.24, Bid submission closing date (online): 31.12.24. Sd/- Medical Superintendent Cum Vice Principal, Medical College & Hospitals, Kolkata

ICA- T21846(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

RE E-Tender Notice Reference No. (STM/DT/01/RE E-TENDER-73/056 /2024 & Tender ID : 2024_HFW_776830_1 dated. 30.11.2024) is invited by the MSVP, School of Tropical Medicine, 108, C. R. Avenue, Kolkata – 700 073 for the Procurement of Kits for Virology, STM. **Technical & Financial Bid Submission Closing Date: 10/12/2024 at 12:00 Noon** For details please visit : **www.wbtenders.gov.in/www.wbhealth.gov.in**

Sd/- Medical Superintendent cum Vice Principal, School of Tropical Medicine, Kolkata

ICA- T21852(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE

e-Tenders are invited for NIet No. 27/Supply of Jute Bags and 28/Supply of Fertilizer pack for Sabujsree Programme in Jhargram Division under Sabujsree Scheme /Jhargram Division/2024-25. Other detailed information / downloading / uploading may be done from the website www.wbtenders.gov.in and are also available at Divisional Forest Office, Jhargram Division, Ghoradhara, Jhargram on any working days. Sd/- Divisional Forest Officer, Jhargram Division, Ghoradhara, P.O.: Jhargram, Dist.: Jhargram

ICA- T21855(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer-I, Kolkata South Health Electrical Division, PW Dte. invites eNIT for "Day to day maintenance of entire electrical installation of both non-residential & residential buildings including Sub-Station, Operation of compound light & D.G Sets round the clock on all working days including holidays in the premises of Vidyasagar S.G Hospital, Behala, Kolkata. (for the period of 36 months)" vide Tender ID - 2024_WBPWD_776221_1. Last date of submission - 20.12.2024 upto 12.00 Noon. All documents can be seen / obtained from the websites https://wbtenders.gov.in, https://wbpwd.gov.in/home.html and office Notice Board. Sd/- Executive Engineer-II, Kolkata South Health Electrical Division, PW Dte.

ICA- T21942(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

EE, PWD., Darjeeling Division invites online e-tender for the work of : **1.** Construction of Lift well and adjacent room for the use of Child Friendly Court at Darjeeling Sadar Court complex at Darjeeling, under PWD, Darjeeling Division. Estimated Amount Rs. 45,66,551=00, Tender ID No. 2024_WBPWD_777287_1, e-NIT No. 11 Sl. No. 1 of 2024-2025. Bid submission start date (online) 03/12/2024 from 11.00 A.M. Bid submission closing date (online) 17/12/2024 upto 5.30 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender Documents may be downloaded from website: https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- EE, PWD., Darjeeling Division, GOVT. OF W.B.

ICA- T21933(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer-I, Kolkata South Health Electrical Division, PWDte. invites eNIT for "Day to day maintenance of entire electrical installation of both non-residential & residential buildings including Sub-Station, Operation of compound light & D.G Sets round the clock on all working days including holidays at (G+5) storied Mother & Child Hub Building, Chittaranjan Seva Sadan COGCH, Kolkata (for the period of 36 months)" vide Tender ID - 2024_WBPWD_776225_1. Last date of submission - 20.12.2024 upto 12.00 Noon. All documents can be seen / obtained from the websites https://wbtenders.gov.in, https://wbpwd.gov.in/home.html and office Notice Board. Sd/- Executive Engineer-II, Kolkata South Health Electrical Division, PWDte.

ICA- T21943(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

Executive Engineer, PWD, Diamond Harbour Divn. invites **WBPWDEEDHDe_NIT_14_2024_25** for the works:- 1) Repair and maintenance of the office building and three barracks along with provision of a ladies toilet within the office campus of Superintendent of Excise, Diamond Harbour Excise District, Project ID:- FD242526252S000. **Estimated Amount:- Rs. 23,92,855.00. Tender Id- 2024_WBPWD_775475_1.** 2) Urgent patch repair of Purbabishnupur-Lakshmikantapur-Kulpi road from 9.20 kmp to 10.00 kmp, 12.50 kmp to 13.20 kmp, 13.90 kmp to 14.20 kmp and 15.20 kmp to 15.90 kmp under Diamond Harbour Division, P.W. Dte. During the year 2024-2025. **Estimated Amount:- Rs 14,44,202.00. Tender Id- 2024_WBPWD_775475_2.** Bid submission Starting date:- 28.11.2024 & Bid Submission closing date 17.12.2024 at 12:00 P.M. may be seen & downloaded from the official website of P.W.D **http://etender.wb.nic.in** Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Diamond Harbour Divn.

ICA- T21948(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

The Assistant Engineer, Darjeeling NH Sub-Div, PW (Roads) Directorate invites online e-NIT (NIT No. 02 of 2024-25 of The Assistant Engineer, Darjeeling National Highway Sub-Division, P.W. (Roads) Dte,). **Tender ID: 2024_NH_776598_1.** Details of e-NIT and other documents may be downloaded from the webportal: **https://wbtenders.gov.in** and for any other quires please contact through email: **nh.darjeelingsubdivision@gmail.com.** Corrigendum if any and other information regarding bid evaluation will be published/sent in/through e-tender portal only. Sd/- AE/DNHSD, Darjeeling.

ICA- T21903(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the Governor of West Bengal, Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Bankura Division, P.H.E. Dte. for the works under NIET No:-28 of the FY 2024-2025 of the EE/BQA, P.H.E. Dte (2nd Call). (Circulated Memo No. 2981/BQA dt.- 26.11.2024). Document download Start date (online) 29.11.2024 at 11:30 A.M. Document download closing date (online) 20.12.2024 at 05:00 P.M. Details information will be available from Office Notice board & website: **www.wbtenders.gov.in** Sd/- for Executive Engineer, Bankura Division, P.H.E.

ICA- T21868(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

TENDER NOTICE

e-Tenders are invited by the Commissioner of Police, Kolkata **1)** Procurement of Computer Paper (10X12X1 & 10X12X2) for the use of Traffic Department of Kolkata Police, **2)** Procurement of Full Mask Helmet (White) for the use of Traffic Wing of Kolkata Police. The last date for submission of the tender is on 18.12.2024 up to 15.00 hours. The NIT Document and other details will be available in the website: www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- for Commissioner of Police, Kolkata

ICA- T21861(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRI&DD. e-NIT

Executive Engineer (A-M) Midnapore (A-M) Division invites e-tender for Installation of 1 no Solar Mini RLI under Jhargram District within Midnapore (A-M) Division under Core Sector 2024-25 Programme vide Tender reference no- WBWRDD/EEAM/MID/eNIT59_2ndCall 24-25. Tender ID :- **2024_WRDD_777629_1. Last date of dropping : 17.12.2024 (2.00 pm)** Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http//wbtenders.gov.in for details.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (Agri-Mech)
Midnapore (Agri-Mech) Division,
Midnapore

ICA- T21967(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

HALDIA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
City Centre, P.O. Debhog, Haldia
Dist. Purba Medinipur, PIN-721657
Toll Free No. 1800-345-3224

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

E-NIT No.:14/HDA/EC-ELECT/2024-2025

In partial modification for the work, "SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION & TESTING OF 01 NO. 05 PASSENGER (380KG) CAPACITY ELECTRIC TRACTION ELEVETOR WITH ALL ACCESSORIES AT TRIBENI SANGAM ANNEX BUILDING" the last date of bid submission has been extended to 09.12.2024, 3.30 p.m. Information in details is available in the office and in the website of HDA : www.hda.gov.in E-Tender can be submitted through: www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, HDA.

ICA- T21863(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle, PWD, 76 Dr. Deodar Rahaman Road, Lake Gardens, Kolkata - 700033 invites NIeT No. WBPWD/SE/SC/NIeT14/2024-25 for the work of Permanent Restoration of damage which caused due to pipe laying by PHE Department (Falta-Mathurapur : Mega Surface Water Supply Project scheme) on Serakole-Amratala Rd. along the road from Ch.0.00 kmp to 3.510 kmp (3510mtr. R/S), Usthi-Deula Road from Ch. 0.150kmp to 0.165 kmp (15mtr. R/S) under Diamond Harbour Division PWD during the year 2024-25, (Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_766408_1), Estimated Amount: Rs. 1,40,60,752.00, Bid Submission start date (Online): 06.12.2024 from 4.00 PM. Bid submission closing (online): 27.12.2024 upto 1.00 PM. The detail NIeTs may be seen and downloaded from the website http://wbtenders.gov.in Corrigendum and addendum to this NIeTs, if any will be published only in the above website. Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle, PWD.

ICA- T21937(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
e-NIT No.WBIW/EE/APD/NIT-13(e)/2024-25
3rd call of WBIW/EE/APD/NIT-01(e)/2024-25 SL 01

e-Tender is invited by The Executive Engineer, Alipurduar Irrigation Division, College Halt, Alipurduar on behalf of Governor of W.B. for the work mentioned in the NIT under through online tendering process from the eligible & resourceful Contractors having sufficient credential & financial capacity for execution of work of similar nature. Details of NIT & Tender documents will be available from **www.wbiwd.gov.in or https://wbtenders.gov.in** on & from **04.12.2024 after 18:30 hrs. Bid submission end date 10.12.2024 up to 14:30 hrs. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Alipurduar Irrigation Division, Irrigation and Waterways Directorate.**

ICA- T21850(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Office of the District Library Officer, Kolkata
& Office of the Local Library Authority, Kolkata
Kolkata Metropolitan Library, 5th Floor,
Ballygunge Park Road, Kol-19

TENDER NOTICE

Following two (02) e-Tenders are invited by District Library Officer, Kolkata from the interested bidders for organizing of 5th Kolkata District Book Fair, 2024-25 at Ramlila Maidan, Entally, Kolkata during the period from 3rd to 9th January, 2025: **1.** NIT No. 387/DLO(Kol) dt. 27.11.24 & Tender ID: 2024_DLS_775371_1. Bid submission start date: 03.12.2024 at 02:00 P.M. and closing date: 11.12.2024 at 02:00 P.M. **2.** NIT No. 388/DLO(Kol) dt. 27.11.24 & Tender ID: 2024_DLS_775420_1. Bid submission start date: 03.12.2024 at 02:00 P.M. and closing date: 11.12.2024 at 02:00 P.M. Detail information is available in the Government e-tendering portal https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- District Library Officer, Kolkata

ICA- T21857(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

S.E, NBCC-II, P.W.Dte., Jalpaiguri, invites online e-tender for the work of - 1. Road restoration work of both side road along the alignment of Burdwan Road (Ch. 0.00Kmp to 0.90Km) ...... submitted by WBSEDCL under North Bengal Construction Division, PWD during the year 2024-25. Estimated Amount: Rs. 2,57,17,001.00, Tender ID : 2024_PWD_776597_1. Tender Ref. No: WBPWD/SE/NBCC-II/eNIT-08/2024-25, Bid submission start date (online): 06/12/2024 from 04.00 P.M. Bid submission closing date (online): 27/12/2024 up to 05.00 P.M. Technical Bid opening date (online): 30/12/2024 at 11.00 A.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details N.I.T. and Tender documents may be downloaded from: http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- SE, PWD, NBCC-II, Jalpaiguri

ICA- T21894(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE
NIeT No. 33/BD of 2024-25
Vide Memo No.3325/BD dt. 28.11.2024
Tender ref. no. 3325_BD_NIeT_32_of_2024_25
Tender ID : 2024_ PHED_775741_1

Tender invited by the undersigned for- Construction of switch room cum chlorine room with sanitary and water supply arrangement including plinth protection at PH No.-I for Augmentation of Bhabanipur w/s scheme (Z-I), Hasnabad block under Hasnabad Sub-Division, P.H.E. Dte. Closing date of submission of both Technical and Financial bid (online) = **20.12.2024 at 1:00 P.M.** Details of Tender document and its related corrigendum/Addendum (if any) may be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer, Barasat Division, P.H.E. Dte. On working days during office hours or in website- **http://www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Barasat Division, P.H.E. Dte.**

ICA- T21889(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
RESOURCES DIVISION
Janaswasthya Karigari Bhawan (NIJALAYA),
C.N.B. STREET NO- 18, CN BLOCK, SECTOR-V,
BIDHANNAGAR, Kolkata - 700091

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
No.- WBPHED/EE/RS/e32/2024-25
TENDER ID: 2024_PHED_772701_1

Supply & delivery of consumables for testing Raw & Treated water of Arsenic & Iron Removal Plants (AIRPs) through On-site Mobile Analysis System (OMAS) as per direction of EIC under Public Health Engineering Department, Government of West Bengal Pre-qualification, Technical & Financial bid Submission starting date (online) (23.11.2024 from 4:00 pm) Pre-qualification, Technical & Financial bid Submission closing date (online) (16.12.2024 upto 2:00 pm). **For detail Logon to: www.etender.wb.nic.in** Sd/-Executive Engineer, Resources Division, Public Health Engineering Directorate, Govt. of West Bengal.

ICA- T21881(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRI&DD. e-NIT

Executive Engineer (A-M), Balurghat (A-M) Division invites e-tender for Supply and delivery of UPVC Pipes & UPVC Fittings items for maintenance of different Major RLI Schemes under Balurghat (A-M) Division in the F.Y 2024-25 vide e-NIT No- 12/2024-25, Tender ID- **2024_WRDD_778057_1 to 4**, estimated value Rs. 4,37,742.00; Rs. 6,78,810.00; Rs. 6,04,032.00 & Rs. 5,74,700.00 respectively, and **last date of Bid submission- 11.12.2024 up to 4 PM.** Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http//wbtenders.gov.in for details.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (A-M)
Balurghat (A-M) Division

ICA- T21971(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

NOTICE INVITING eTENDER

NIeT No. WBPWD/EE/KCHD /NIeT-26 /2024-2025 Name of Work: IPGAE&R at Shyamadas Vaidya Shastra Pith Hospital- Constnrction of new underground water reservoir of I.P.G.A.E & R at Shyamadas Vaidya Shastra Pith Hospital during the year 2024-25. TENDER ID : 2024_WBPWD_776242_1. Estimated Amount : 1) 25,05,085/- Bid submission start date: 03/12/2024 at 12.00 Hrs Bid submission end date: 20 / 12 /2024 upto 14:00Hrs. Sd/-Executive Engineer, PWDte Kolkata Central Health Division.

ICA- T21910(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Id : 2024_PHED_776768_1 to 177

E.E/MMD, P.H.E. Dte. invites NIeT (Online) No-13 of 2024-25, Tender ref. No. WBPHE/EE/MMD/NIeT-13 of 2024-25, Tender ID No.2024_PHED_776768_1 to 177 for work under M.M.D, P.H.E. Dte. Bid submission end date 20/12/2024 at 06:00 p.m. Details may be download from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/-EE/MMD

ICA- T21871(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE
Tender Ref. No. NIeT_24 of
EE/RD/PHED of 2024-2025 (2nd Call)
Tender ID: 2024_PHED_772113_1.

Last date for submission of Technical and Financial Bid (online):- 06.12.2024 upto 3:00 P.M. Tender invited by the undersigned for Field level data validation of FHTC under Raiganj Division, P.H.E. Dte. All details available in website: **http://wbtenders.gov.in** & **www.wbphed.gov.in** Sd/- Executive Engineer, Raiganj Division, P.H.E. Dte., Govt. of West Bengal.

ICA- T21886(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, PWD, Kolkata East Division invites e-Tender on Percentage rate and Item rate basis vide eTender No. WBPWD/EE/KED/NIT-28/2024-2025 for 1(One) nos. work vide Tender ID No. 2024_WBPWD_776195_1 of 2024-2025. Bid Submission Start date (online) is 05.12.2024 from 2:30 P.M. Bid Submission closing date (online) is 20.12.2024 upto 2:30 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T and Tender documents may be down loaded from https://wbetenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Kolkata East Division.

ICA- T21952(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

online e-tender for the work of " SITC of Lift (MRL) at Proposed (G+1) New Circuit House Building Krishnagar, Nadia, West Bengal.." Estimated Amount Item Rate e NIQ No : WBPWD/EE/NED/NIQ/e-T/72/ (1st call) 24-25 Bid submission start date (online) 29.11.2024 from 05.30 P.M Bid submission closing date (online) 18.12.2024 from 01.00 P.M NIT and Tender document may be downloadfrom http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- R.B. Mallick Executive Engineer, PWD Nadia Electrical Division Krishnagar, Nadia.

ICA- T21916(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRI&DD. e-NIT

Executive Engineer (A-M) Midnapore (A-M) Division invites e-tender for Installation of 1 no Solar Mini RLI under Paschim Medinipur District within Midnapore (A-M) Division under Core Sector (SSM) 2024-25 Programme vide Tender reference no- WBWRDD/EEAM/MID/ eNIT 51_2nd Call 24-25. Tender ID :- **2024_WRDD_777611_1. Last date of dropping : 17.12.2024 (2.00 pm)** Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http//wbtenders.gov.in for details

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (Agri-Mech)
Midnapore (Agri-Mech) Division,
Midnapore

ICA- T21966(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

NIeT No. WBPWD/SENABC/NIeT-08/2024-2025 by Superintending Engineer, Nabanna Circle , PWD. Name of Work – Vertical extension upto (G+2) Floor of the Howrah district Central Co-operative Bank Ltd at Uluberia, Howrah, under Howrah Division, PWD, during the year 2024-25. Estimated Amount : Rs.1,02,15,263.00 [Rs. 86,78,058.00 for Civil Works & Rs. 15,37,205.00 for Electrical Works] Bid Submission start date 09.12.2024 from 09.00 A.M Bid Submission closing date 28.12.2024 upto 01.50 P.M Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_777422_1. Details will be available from the web site http://wbtenders.gov.in, notice board and Departmental website of this office on all working days within office hours. Corrigendum & Addendum if issued will be published only through Website. Sd/- Superintending Engineer Nabanna Circle, PWD.

ICA- T21955(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Malda Division, P.H.E. Dte. On behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref. No. NIeT No. 44 of EE/MD of 2024-2025 and ID: 2024_PHED_772547_1 to 2024_PHED_772547_14 for DIFFERENT TYPE OF WORKS in Malda District. Details will be available in the website: **wbtenders.gov.in** The last date for submission of tender is 13/12/2024 upto 17:00 Hours. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Malda Division, P.H.E. Dte. Govt. of West Bengal.

ICA- T21879(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRI&DD. e-NIT

Executive Engineer (A-M) Midnapore (A-M) Division invites e-tender for Energisation of 1 NO Midi RLI & 1 no Major RLI at Sabong Block under Paschim Medinipur District under Core-Sector Programme 2023-24 under Midnapore (A-M) Division vide Tender reference no- WBWRDD/EE(AM)MID/eNIT-63(Sl 1 to 2) /24-25. Tender ID :- **2024_WRDD_777690_1 to 2. Last date of dropping: 16.12.2024 (2.00 pm)** Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http//wbtenders.gov.in for details.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (A-M)
Midnapore (A-M) Division,
Midnapore

ICA- T21968(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRI&DD. e-NIT

Executive Engineer (A-M) Midnapore (A-M) Division invites e-tender for External Electrical Works and Street Light arrangement around the Pond of Midnapore Circuit House under Paschim Medinipur District within Midnapore (A-M) Division under Core Sector 2024-25 Programme vide Tender reference no- WBWRDD/EEAM/ MID/eNIT-34_2ndCall 24-25. Tender ID :- **2024_WRDD_777596_1. Last date of dropping : 17.12.2024 (2.00 pm)** Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http//wbtenders.gov.in for details.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (A-M)
Midnapore (A-M) Division, Midnapore

ICA- T21965(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRI&DD. e-NIT

Executive Engineer (A-M), Balurghat (A-M) Division invites e-tender for Supply and delivery of Miscellaneous items required for maintenance of different Major RLI Schemes under Balurghat (A-M) Division in the F.Y 2024-25 vide e-NIT No- 11/2024-25, Tender ID-**2024_WRDD_777725_1 to 5**, estimated value Rs. 5,98,725.00; Rs. 4,97,500.00; Rs. 5,70,000.00; Rs. 3,28,190.00 & Rs. 6,96,500.00 respectively and **last date of Bid submission-11.12.2024 up to 2 PM.** Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http//wbtenders.gov.in for details.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (A-M)
Balurghat (A-M) Division

ICA- T21963(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
RESOURCES DIVISION
Janasasthya Karigari Bhawan (Nijalaya),
2nd floor, CN-8, Sector-V, Bidhannagar,
Kolkata-700091

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
No.: WBPHED/EE/RS/e29/2024-2025
Tender ID: 2024_PHED_772540_1

Comprehensive Proposal for Digital Transformation and Monitoring of Mega Schemes under P.H.E. Department, Govt. of West Bengal. Pre-qualification, Technical & Financial Bid Submission Starting Date (Online) (**22.11.2024 FROM 17-00 HRS.**) Pre-qualification, Technical & Financial Bid Submission Closing Date (Online) (**13.12.2024 UPTO 17-00 HRS.**) **For detail Logon to : www.etender.wb.nic.in** Sd/- Executive Engineer, Resources Division, Public Health Engineering Directorate, Govt. of West Bengal.

ICA- T21885(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Hooghly Division, P.H.E. Dte. for NIeT No- **WBPHE/EE/17/HUG/2024-25** related to miscellaneous works at various PWSS under Hooghly Division P.H.E. Dte. **Bid submission Closing Date (for Sl No.- 3,4,6,10,11,13 & 20) is 06.12.2024 & (for SL No.- 1,2,5,7,8,9,12,14,15,16,17,18 & 19) is 12.12.2024 upto 03:00 p.m. & Opening Date (for Sl No.-3,4,6,9,10,11 & 13) is 09.12.2024 & (for Sl. No.- 1,2,5,7,8,12,14,15,16,17,18 & 19) is 14.12.2024 upto 03:00 p.m.** For Details, corrigendum/addendum, participating in the tender logon to:- **www.wbtenders.gov.in** Sd/- Executive Engineer, Hooghly Division, P.H.E. Dte.

ICA- T21876(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
RESOURCES DIVISION
Janaswasthya Karigari Bhawan (NIJALAYA),
C.N.B. STREET NO- 18, CN BLOCK, SECTOR-V,
BIDHANNAGAR, Kolkata- 700091

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
No. WBPHED/EE/RS/e15/2024-25/2NDCL
TENDER ID: 2024_PHED_775122_1

Supply & delivery of ISI marked M.S Pipe of 406.40 mm. OD 10.56 mm thick conforming to IS: 3589 2001 with latest amendment (Make TATA/SAIL/RINL) under Neorakhola Water supply & Mtc Division P.H.E. Dte. Pre-qualification, Technical & Financial bid Submission starting date (online) (28.11.2024 from 6:00 p.m.). Pre-qualification, Technical & Financial bid Submission closing date (online) (26.12.2024 upto 2:00 p.m.). **For detail Logon to: www.etender.wb.nic.in** Sd/- Executive Engineer, Resources Division, Public Health Engineering Directorate, Govt. of West Bengal.

ICA- T21883(3)/2024

Department of Health & Family Welfare Samity, South 24 Parganas

TENDER NOTICE

Tenders vide no. **CMOH(SPG)/Security/e-Tender/9427 dated 02.12.2024,** are invited from FIRMS/AGENCY FOR **"NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER FOR engagement of "SECURITY SERVICES" at M R Bangur District Hospital, Baruipur & Canning Sub Division Hospital, Garden Reach State General Hospital, Vidyasagar State General Hospital FOR THE YEAR 2024-2027 BY THE CMOH & SECRETARY, DISTRICT HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE SAMITY, SOUTH 24 PARGANAS"** For details visit **www.wbhealth.gov.in, www.wbtenders.gov.in.**

Sd/-
CMOH
SOUTH 24 PARGANAS

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

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BIDHANNAGAR, Kolkata-700 091

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
No.- WBPHED/EE/RS/e31/2024-25
TENDER ID : 2024_PHED_772588_1

Block level training/orientation program of women on awareness generation for water quality testing using FTK/H2S vials Pre-qualification, Technical & Financial bid Submission starting date (online) (23.11.2024 from 4:00 p.m.) Pre-qualification, Technical & Financial bid Submission closing date (online) (13.12.2024 upto 2:00 p.m.). **For detail Logon to: www.etender.wb.nic.in** Sd/- Executive Engineer, Resources Division, Public Health Engineering Directorate, Govt. of West Bengal.

ICA- T21884(3)/2024

Two persons held for murder: In a raid, one person named Raja and a juvenile were apprehended for killing a person and hiding his body in an abandoned house in north Delhi's Sarai Rohilla. The deceased was identified as Ravi Kumar. TNN

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRI&DD. e-NIT

Online E-Tender (eNIT-08_2nd Call of 2024-25, Tender ID - **2024_WRDD_777706_1**) is being invited by the Executive Engineer (A-M), Malda-I (A-M) Division, Madhabnagar, Mokdumpur, Malda, 732103, on behalf of the Governor of West Bengal from the bonafide agencies for Installation of 1 (One) no. new Major River Lift Irrigation (E) scheme (handed over) on Turnkey basis under Kaliachak-II block under Malda-II (A-M) Sub-Division under SARASARI MUKHYAMANTRI (Core Sector 2024-25) Programme. **Last date and time of bid submission is 18/12/2024 till 14:00 Hrs.** Other details may also be seen from the office notice board/ website (https://wbtenders.gov.in) Corrigendum if any will be published in website only.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (A-M)
Malda-I (A-M) Division

ICA- T21960(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tenders are invited by the Executive Engineer, South 24-Pgs. W/S Division-I, P.H.E. Dte. vide Ref. No. 58/2023-2024/EE/SWD-I/WBPHED/3rd calf and ID: 2024_PHED_772121_1 for works related to Construction of boundary wall, protection work for pipeline, approach road, development of land and other allied works Baruipur block under SWD-I, P.H.E. Dte. Details will be available in the website: **http://wbtenders.gov.in** The last date for submission of tender is 13/12/2024 upto 3:00 P.M. Sd/- for Executive Engineer, South 24-Pgs. W/S Division-I, P.H.E. Dte.

ICA- T21887(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
No.: WBPHED/EE/RS/e29/2024-2025
Tender ID: 2024_PHED_772540_1

Comprehensive Proposal for Digital Transformation and Monitoring of Mega Schemes under P.H.E. Department, Govt. of West Bengal. Pre-qualification, Technical & Financial Bid Submission Starting Date (Online) (**22.11.2024 FROM 17-00 HRS.**) Pre-qualification, Technical & Financial Bid Submission Closing Date (Online) (**13.12.2024 UPTO 17-00 HRS.**) **For detail Logon to : www.etender.wb.nic.in** Sd/- Executive Engineer, Resources Division, Public Health Engineering Directorate, Govt. of West Bengal.

ICA- T21888(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Alipore Division, P.H.E. Dte. on behalf of Governor, West Bengal vide Ref. No. WBPHED/EE/NIeT-64/AD/2024-2025 and Tender ID: 2024_PHED_771807_1 to 15 for balance works under the Augmentation scheme of different Zones at Diamond Harbour-II & Falta Block under Mega Surface Water Based W/S Scheme for Falta-Mathurapur, District South 24 Parganas under Alipore Division, P.H.E. Dte. Details will be available in the website: **wbtenders.gov.in** The last date for submission of tender is 16.12.2024 upto 03:00 P.M. Sd/- for Executive Engineer, Alipore Division, P.H.E. Dte.

ICA- T21873(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRI&DD. e-NIT

Executive Engineer (A-M), Balurghat (A-M) Division invites e-tender for Supply and delivery of Miscellaneous & Electrical items required for maintenance of different Major RLI Schemes under Balurghat (A-M) Division in the F.Y 2024-25 vide e-NIT No- 13/2024-25, Tender ID- **2024_WRDD_778143_1 to 4**, estimated value Rs. 3,06,015.00; Rs. 3,98,000.00; Rs. 1,76,830.00 & Rs. 2,84,100.00 respectively and **last date of Bid submission-11.12.2024 up to 4 PM.** Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http//wbtenders.gov.in for details.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (A-M)
Balurghat (A-M) Division

ICA- T21956(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRI&DD. e-NIT

As per corrigendum issued against e-NIT No. 20 to 25 / 2024 25 of Tender ID:
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2024_WRDD_764427_1,
2024_WRDD_764445_1,
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2024_WRDD_764458_1

Last date of bid submission is hereby extended up to 11.12.2024, 18.00 Hours. Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http//wbtenders.gov.in for further details.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (A-I)
Purulia (A-I) Division,PURULIA

ICA- T21970(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRI&DD. e-NIT

Executive Engineer (A-I), Kangsabati CAD Division invites e-tender for 1(One) No Augmentation of WDS in Jhargram District. e-NIT no: 05/2nd Call/2024-25 of the E. E (A.I.) KCAD Divn. Bankura & Tender ID: **2024_WRDD_768077_2. Bid submission Last date is 17/12/2024 up to 1.00 PM.** Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http//wbtenders.gov.in for details.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (A-I)
Kangsabati CAD Division, Bankura

ICA- T21973(3)/2024

Class VI student dies in school, kin allege injured in scuffle

Times News Network

New Delhi: A student of Class VI in a private school in southwest Delhi died in mysterious circumstances on Tuesday. His family members alleged that a scuffle among students occurred, in which the boy was badly injured, leading to his death.

The boy lived with his family in a southwest Delhi locality and studied at a school in the neighbourhood. Police said they received information from a hospital about the child's death around 10 am.

Deputy commissioner of police (Southwest) Surendra Choudhary said upon inspecting the body, no visible injuries were found. However, a foam-like material was oozing from his mouth. The doctors said that the boy had a problem related to fits.

"Inquest proceedings are underway. The schoolboys and teachers are being examined, and necessary legal action will be taken after a thorough probe," the DCP added.

The postmortem was conducted on Tuesday and its report was awaited.

Relatives of the boy claimed that he was fit and healthy with no medical issues. The boy's uncle said, "My nephew had a scuffle with another child inside the classroom during the period change. The school authorities claimed that no teacher was present there then. Usually, a teacher and a maid are always there in the class."

"We received a phone call at 9 am and rushed to the hospital, where the doctor informed us that he passed away," he recalled.

The uncle added that the boy played football for his school team. "He won several medals and was physically fit. His dream was to become a footballer, which now has been crushed."

His father claimed that the school authority contacted them only after the boy was declared dead at the hospital.

The boy's parents and other family members also kept the body on the road and held a protest till late night, demanding justice for the minor. His father works as a drainman and his mother is a housewife.

The school, in its press statement, said, "The school is deeply saddened to announce a tragic incident that occurred on its premises during a class transition. A scuffle between two Class VI students of similar age resulted in the unfortunate collapse of one student. The school administration has taken prompt action, informed the authorities, and is extending full cooperation to all concerned. The school extends its heartfelt condolences and support to the bereaved family."

'Please have faith in people's intelligence'

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Police opposed any relief to Khan. "If you think the common man will get incited by this, do you think the common man does not have the IQ to understand what is right for them? Please have some faith in his intelligence," the court observed orally, protecting Khan from arrest till Dec 6.

Appearing for Khan, senior advocate Kapil Sibal argued that the FIR was bad in law as it did not disclose any cognisable offence and was merely based on conjectures. Police alleged that Khan was "trying to raise a war inside the country" and spread disharmony with his comments. His video could have led to violence at any time, they said, adding that Khan should have sought anticipatory bail if he wanted protection from arrest.

The high court subsequently issued notice to police on Khan's petition seeking to quash the FIR registered on Nov 30 and asked him to join the investigation and not leave the national capital without the permission of the investigating officer.

"The FIR is based on the opinion of the complainant. The material which formed the basis of the opinion has not been placed before me and will be placed along with the reply proposed to be filed by the respondent along with the material collected to date. For the said reason and until the next date of hearing, the petitioner shall not be arrested," the court noted, posting the hearing on Dec 6.

High court gets acting CJ

New Delhi: The Centre on Tuesday issued a notification appointing Justice Vibhu Bakhru as the acting chief justice of Delhi High Court, shortly after clearing the elevation of the incumbent, Justice Manmohan, to the Supreme Court.

"The President is pleased to appoint Shri Justice Vibhu Bakhru, Judge of the Delhi High Court, to perform the duties of the office of the Chief Justice of that High Court with effect from the date Shri Justice Manmohan, Chief Justice, Delhi High Court relinquishes charge of his office consequent upon his elevation as a Judge of the Supreme Court of India," the Union ministry of law and justice said.

Born in Nagpur in 1966, Justice Bakhru received his LLB degree in 1990 and enrolled as a lawyer with the Bar Council of Delhi the same year. He practised in the Supreme Court, Delhi High Court and Company Law Board, and various other tribunals before being appointed the additional judge of the high court on April 17, 2013, and as a permanent judge on March 18, 2015. TNN

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WBSEDCL invites e-Tender as follows:

NIT No.: KD/E-TENDER/MAT/24-25/1530, **Dt.:** 28.11.2024 of the **Divisional Manager,** Kakdwip Division, WBSEDCL. **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 9,88,325/- for the work of *'Supply & delivery of i) Insulated piercing Connector (ABC) 50-70 sq.mm. and ii) Cu FLEX BRAIDED TAPE (11 kV 200A TPGO)'.*

For details, visit **https://wbtenders.gov.in & www.wbsedcl.in**

ICA- T21859(1)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Economic Offences Wing
5, Council House Street
Kolkata - 700 001

ORDER

Every Financial Establishment within the State of West Bengal is required u/s 4 of West Bengal Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act, 2013 (West Bengal Act XXIX of 2013) to intimate the Competent Authority about its business and also to file all required statements periodically in prescribed format.

Hence, it is hereby ordered that the Financial Establishments within the meaning of section 2 (e) of the said Act carrying on business activities and business operations in West Bengal shall intimate about their business activities and shall also furnish periodical statements in the prescribed format before the Competent Authority, the Director, Economic Offences Wing, West Bengal, 5, Council House Street, Kolkata-700001.

Non submission of information and periodical statements are punishable offence under the aforesaid Act.

For further information please visit our website i.e. https://deo.wb.gov.in/

By order
Sd/-
Director, Economic Offences Wing, West Bengal
&
Competent Authority under WBPIDFE Act, 2013.

ICA- N 540(3)/2024

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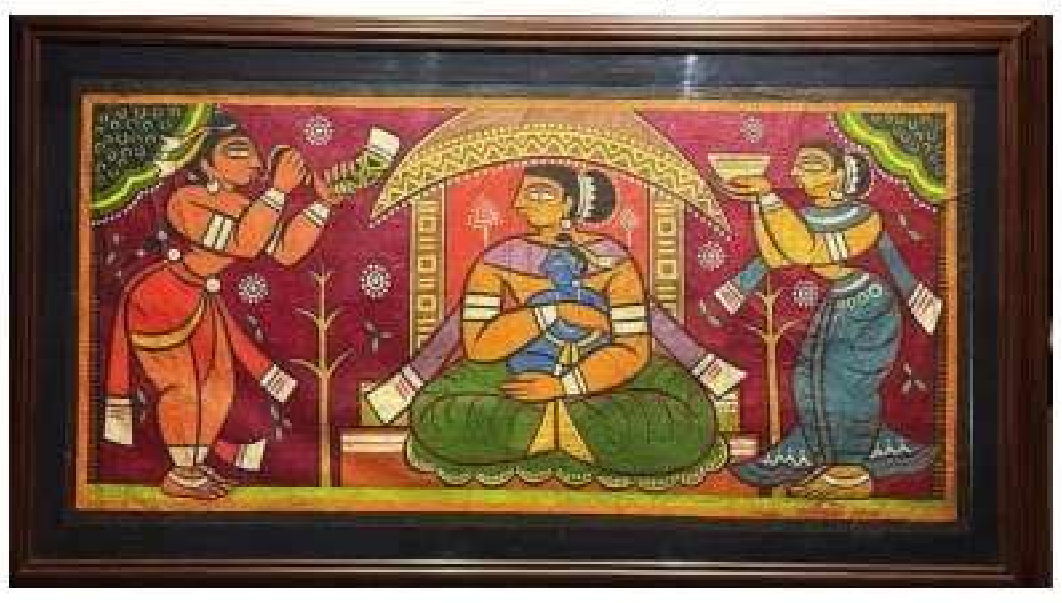
4 held with drugs worth ₹1 crore

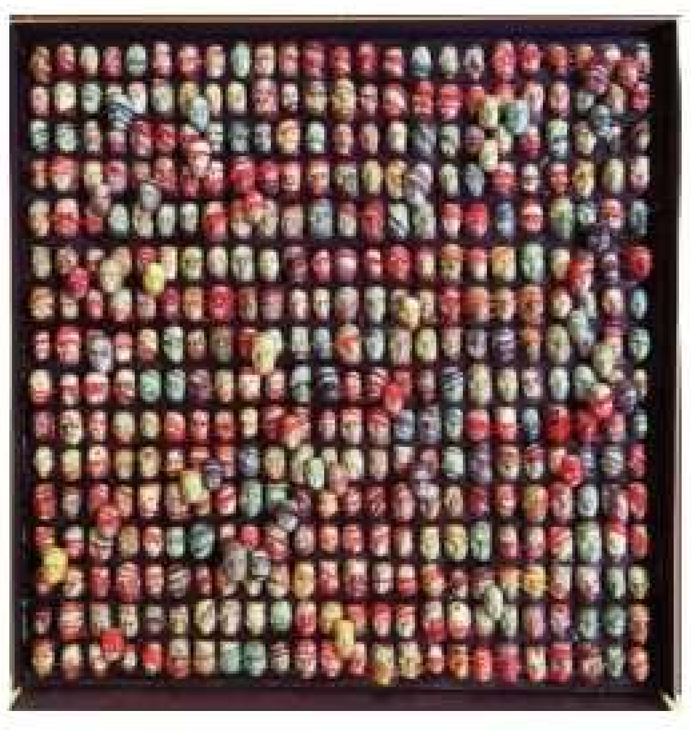
New Delhi: Delhi Police arrested four people and seized drugs worth Rs 1 crore from them. The accused were identified as Roshan Lal, Dharambir, Rohit Gusain and Dushyant Chopra.

DCP (Crime) Bhisham Singh said that acting on a tip-off, police recently conducted a raid in Rohini Sector 23, where Lal (42) and his brother Dharambir (40) were nabbed while attempting to deliver heroin to a customer. A search of their scooter led to the seizure of 310 grams of heroin. Further probe led to the arrest of Gusain (30)and Chopra (34). TNN

Hidden gems to masters, Art of India paints the full picture

Times News Network





VIBRANT SPECTRUM: From works by stalwarts like Jamini Roy (above) to strong voices like Katharina Kakar (left), the exhibition will showcase the diverse landscape of Indian art

The story of Indian art does not begin and end with the masters. Besides the Husains, the Razas and the Souzas, its arc was shaped by a constellation of self-taught artists and art school graduates who chiselled away at conventions far outside the elusive orbit of galleries. Late printmaker Haren Das, for instance, not only offered a rare peek into rural, undivided Bengal through his wood engravings but also laid the foundation for graphic art education at a time when oil paintings ruled the Indian art market. To seek out the many future Haren Das' who are now toiling passionately in the hinterland, art historian Alka Pande recently combed the length and breadth of the country. The 'Hidden Gems' that emerged from her search will soon bathe in tungsten spotlight at the upcoming edition of the TOI's Art of India (AOI) festival which opens in Delhi's Visual Arts Gallery (Jan 12-19) and at NCPA, Mumbai (Feb 16-23).

Unlike commerce-driven art fairs, the AOI exhibition — an annual showcase of India's artistically diverse heritage — aims to tell rather than sell. "The Art of India is more about informing the general public about the history of Indian art and cultural signifiers of Indian artistic practice," says Pande, curator of the festival that will present the country's rich diversity through a gamut of artworks spanning Niranjan's beautiful kalamkari paintings to Jogen Chowdhury's evocative charcoals on paper. The bouquet of themes include social realism, nationalism, literature and philosophy.

Divided into four broad themes — the Masters, Hidden Gems, Folk and Tribal Art, and Inclusivity — the exhibition will also see canvases of celebrated masters such as Jamini Roy and Akbar Padamsee, and emerging artists. "The artists who are working outside of the gallery circuit are talking about the changing face of India," says Pande, hinting at works such as the faceless idols and people in the monochrome drawings and paintings of fashion-design graduate Nandan Purkayastha, and the vibrant women animating Thota Vaikuntam's canvases. "These artists are important culture bearers and carry within themselves vast knowledge systems and Indic traditions through their artworks," adds Pande.

Apart from the vast imprint of India's folk and tribal art, there are tech-powered works from the LGBTQIA+ community as part of the thriving ecosystem of queer art, apart from pieces addressing issues such as climate change and neurodiversity.

The Art of India 2025
An initiative by THE TIMES OF INDIA

Exhibition opens in Delhi from Jan 12 to Jan 19, Visual Arts Gallery, India Habitat Centre and at NCPA, Mumbai from Feb 16 to Feb 23

Now, same 'son' had made miracle return to a Raj family also

Avishek.Kumar
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Ghaziabad: The miracle of Bhim Singh's return to his family from three decades of captivity in a Jaisalmer farm is unravelling fast.

After it emerged that before he was taken in last week by a Ghaziabad family that had lost a son to a kidnapping in 1993, he had similarly surfaced in Dehradun in July – and lived at a couple's house as their long lost son for a few weeks. A family in Rajasthan has contacted police to say he had come with the same story to them too.

Going through an emotional roller-coaster since Singh's appearance at Khoda police station on Nov 23, and his wife Leelawati identifying him as the son who they thought they would never see again, Tularam, a former electricity department clerk, agreed to get a DNA test immediately to settle the question for good.

Tularam and Singh gave their samples on Tuesday to doctors at Safdarjung Hospital in Delhi under police's watch. Tularam had earlier told **TOI** he is convinced Singh is not their son. Leelawati, however, insists he is, leaving the household divided. Police have no concrete information on who Bhim actually is. In Dehradun, he had identified himself as Monu Singh.

"I tried to convince my wife, but for her, he is our son. Only a DNA test will remove her misconception. Hence, I got it done," Tulram said on Tuesday. "I have asked the man (Singh) not to come to my house until the DNA test report comes," he added.

Nimish Patil, DCP of trans-Hindon, said the DNA test report will be available within a week, following which police will initiate any legal action that may be needed. Police are, meanwhile, seeking information from Sikar, the Rajasthan town now known for coaching centres, after receiving information that Singh had lived in a house there.

The Sikar family, which saw his images and videos on newspapers and websites after Singh suddenly appeared in Ghaziabad last month, said he had been kidnapped as a child, and kept in captivity in an animal farm in Jaisalmer as a slave till a trader from Delhi rescued him, had also apparently lost a son. Singh stayed there for some time a year ago before fleeing.

"He told the family in Sikar that he was abducted 15-20 years ago and only remembered that he had four sisters and was the only son. He also said he was in Jaisalmer, where he was living as a slave, and a trader rescued him and left him in the Sikar area. But after a few days, the man fled from the place," an officer said. Singh gave the same accounts in Dehradun and Ghaziabad. When he surfaced in Ghaziabad, he carried with him a handwritten letter which he claimed was from his rescuer, whom he has variously described as a truck driver and a Sikh trader from Delhi.

Umesh Kumar

Bhim and Tularam, who is said to be his father, gave their samples on Tuesday to doctors at Safdarjung Hospital in Delhi under police's watch

Farmers held to end protest, mahapanchayat called today

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Ramesh sharma

Police claimed all women protesters were released

Noida: Farmers and their family members, among them elderly women, protesting at Dalit Prerna Sthal were arrested and packed into buses as police made a muscular intervention to end their demonstration.

But the crackdown triggered a mahapanchayat call from farmers, which was announced after a meeting at Sisauli in Muzaffarnagar, where the Tikait faction of Bharatiya Kisan Union is based. Announcing the mahapanchayat at Zero Point near Pari Chowk in Greater Noida on Wednesday, farmer leader Rakesh Tikait – who became the face of the yearlong agitation in 2020-21 at Delhi's borders against the now withdrawn central farming laws — demanded the immediate release of the arrested farmers. "We demand that the govt immediately release the arrested farmers. We will resume talks only when the farmers are with us," Tikait said.

Shyoraj Singh, president of BKU-Lokshakti, which is also involved in the protest, condemned the arrests of a group of peaceful protesters. "We will strengthen the protest."

UP govt on Tuesday said it had formed a five-member committee to address farmers' concerns and submit a report in a month. This committee will examine the recommendations of another committee.

In a letter, Abhishek Prakash, special secretary, said the state govt had formed a three-member committee headed by the director of revenue services on Feb 21 this year. That committee submitted its report on Aug 27. "To implement its recommendations, a five-member committee chaired by Anil Kumar Sagar, principal secretary, Infrastructure and Industrial development department, and four members Piyush Verma, special secretary IDC; Sanjay Khatri, ACEO Noida Authority; Somya Shrivastava, ACEO Greater Noida Authority; and Kapil Singh, ACEO Yamuna Authority is formed. The committee is required to submit its report in one month."

Noida police said over 100 people were arrested because the farmers did not have permission to protest and had disrupted traffic on the expressway. "Elderly people and those who were ill or have disabilities were released. All the women were also released and have reached their homes, this has been ensured by our team," Noida police chief Laxmi Singh said.

Around 50 women were part of the protest. They had come with their husbands, sons or other family members from areas like Gharbara, Chapargadh, Beel Akbarpur and Jewar. "The concerns of women are same as men. They want increased compensation and developed plots... Women are concerned as their sons are unemployed," said a protester. The protest stems from a long-standing land dispute with three authorities in Noida.

The Noida Expressway saw traffic disrupted from 1pm-1.30pm between Mahamaya flyover and Chilla border due to the crackdown. Traffic was diverted to Kalindi Kunj and Sector 37.

Custody of Balyan extended by a day

Times News Network

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Tuesday extended the police custody of Aam Aadmi Party MLA Naresh Balyan by one day in connection with an alleged extortion case registered against him last year.

The court of additional chief judicial magistrate Paras Dalal allowed the police custody after hearing the arguments of the prosecution and the legal team of the MLA. The court also issued a notice to Delhi Police on the bail application filed by Balyan. The court will hear arguments on the bail plea on Wednesday.

Senior advocate Manish Vashisht, along with advocate Sujan Singh, represented the MLA. On Dec 1, a Delhi court sent the Uttam Nagar MLA to police custody for two days. The case was also marked to an MP/MLA court. Balyan was arrested by the crime branch of Delhi Police on Nov 30.

The MLA's legal team, calling the arrest illegal, submitted before the court that the prosecution was asking for two days of police custody without any basis. "I (Balyan), myself am a victim and have been made into an accused by police. They have arrested a public servant and did not give any reason for doing so. The arrest is completely illegal and without any basis," said the senior advocate.

The prosecution, seeking a two-day extension of the custody in its remand application, submitted that Balyan's custody was needed for conducting further investigation as well as to find out the "deep-rooted nexus" between the gangster Kapil Sangwan and Balyan.

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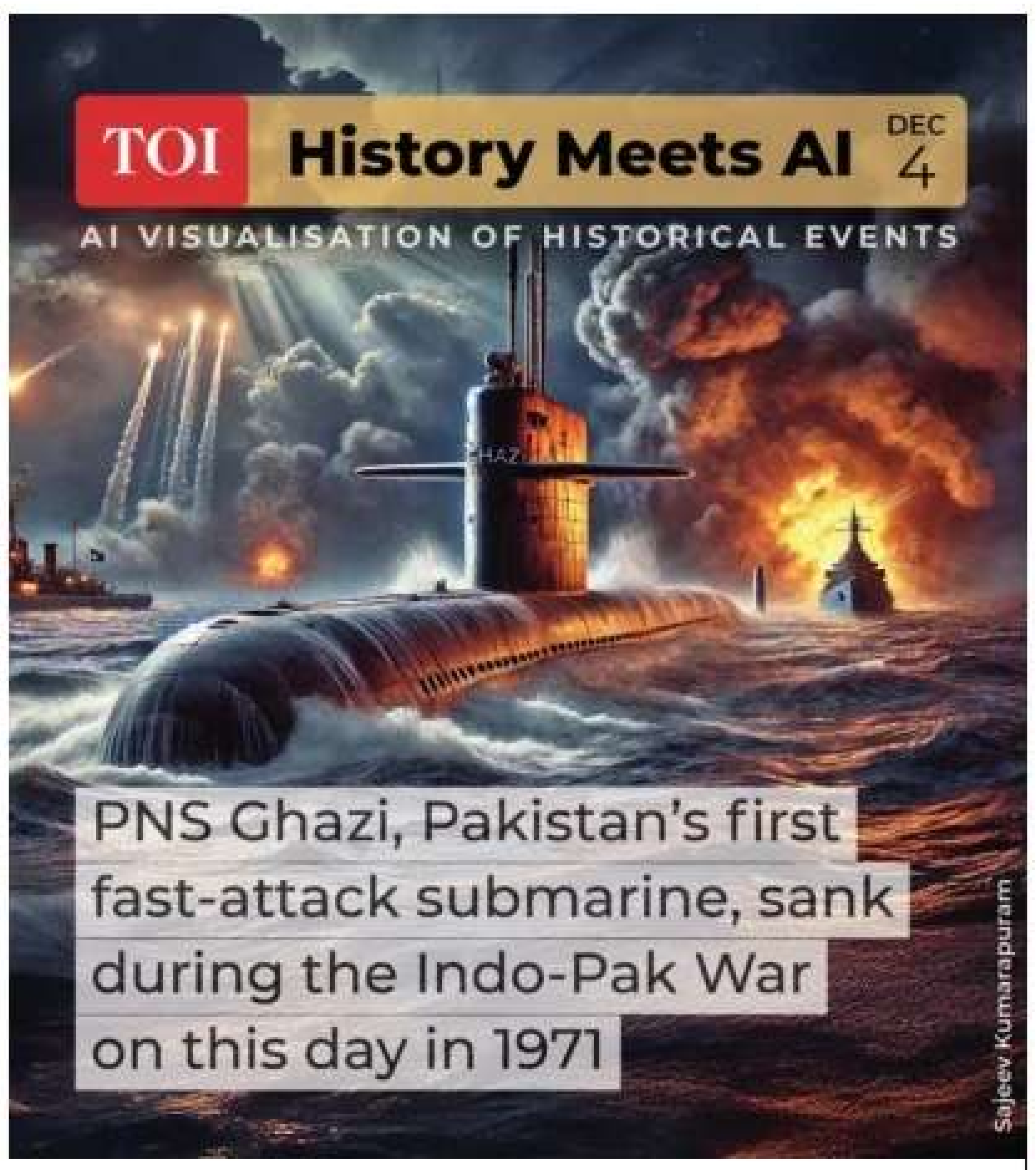
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C'garh villagers dig path to rescue jumbo calf trapped in muddy pit

A baby elephant that got trapped in a muddy, rain-filled pit in a village in Chhattisgarh's Raigarh was rescued by villagers on Tuesday. Raigarh DFO Stylo Mandavi said that a herd of 41 elephants was travelling through Chilkaguda village of Raigarh (300km from Raipur) on Sunday night when some of the jumbos ventured into the pit that was filled up by recent rainfall. Although the pit was not particularly deep, a young calf became stuck in the mud and couldn't get out. Every time it got to the edge and tried to clamber out, it slipped on the mud and fell right back in. By morning, it was exhausted. Villagers saw the calf's futile struggle against the mud trap and alerted the forest department. Locals were wary of helping the calf as the herd was still close by, having tried and failed to pull it out. After watching from a distance, locals decided to move in when the herd gave up and moved out. They used shovels to dig a path out of the pit for the calf.

RESCUED: The DFO said the calf was in good health when it was released back into the forest

The forest department sent a JCB to the location, but it was not required as villagers cleared away enough mud to create an escape route for the calf. The DFO said the calf was in good health when it was released back into the forest. TNN

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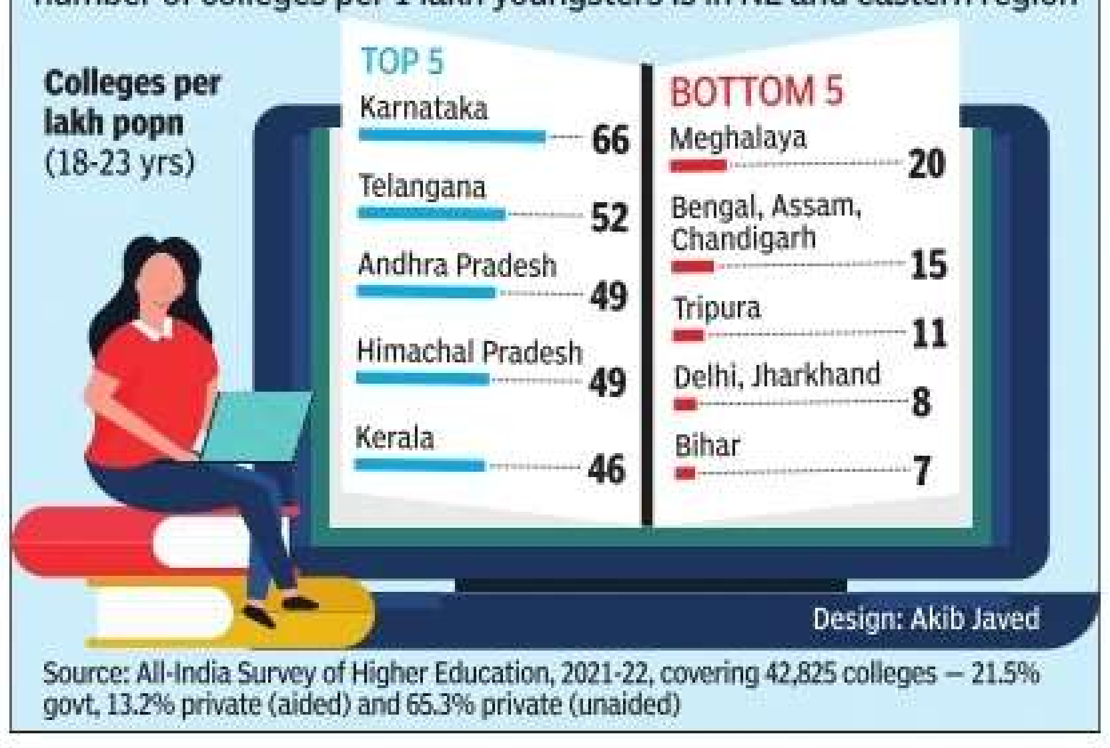
7 COLLEGES PER 1L YOUTH IN BIHAR, 66 IN KARNATAKA

Youth in southern states have the widest choice when it comes to colleges compared with their peers in the rest of India. The lowest number of colleges per 1 lakh youngsters is in NE and eastern region



Source: All-India Survey of Higher Education, 2021-22, covering 42,825 colleges — 21.5% govt, 13.2% private (aided) and 65.3% private (unaided)

HC notice to bank & RBI after staffer siphons ₹3cr from FDs

'What Faith Will People Now Have In The Banking System?'

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Mumbai: Bombay high court on Tuesday issued a notice to HDFC Bank and banking regulator Reserve Bank of India (RBI) after it was informed that police had arrested an employee of the bank who allegedly siphoned off Rs 3 crore from a customer's fixed deposits.

"Ultimately, people trust a particular bank... A relationship manager takes a person for a ride. What faith now will people... a person have in the banking system?" asked Justices Revati Mohite-Dere and Prithviraj Chavan.

The petition by Meenakshi Kapuria (53) stated that her relationship manager, Payal Kothari (27), broke her Rs 3 crore worth of FDs and transferred the amount to fictitious accounts and from there into her own accounts. She received no SMS or email alerts. On Monday, her advocate Rizwan Siddiquee said Kothari gained Kapuria's trust and took blank signed cheques from her, assuring the money would be transferred to mutual funds, gold bonds, new fund offers, among others, earning her more than FDs. He said Versova police are putting pressure on Kapuria to settle the matter with Kothari. Prosecutor Kranti Hiwrale said police froze Kothari's bank accounts, which had Rs 30,000 in all. The judges directed zonal DCP Dikshit Gedam to remain present.

The customer complained that her relationship manager broke her FDs and transferred the amount to fictitious accounts and from there into her own accounts. The customer received no SMS or email alerts

On Tuesday, Hiwrale said Kothari was arrested "this morning". "Why does an arrest have to be made only when a complainant comes to the court? And you're (police) asking parties to settle the matter?" asked Justice Mohite-Dere. Gedam said one more person could be arrested immediately. He said the investigation is transferred from PI Amol Dhole to senior PI Gajanan Pawar, and he will supervise it. Asked about action against Dhole, Gedam said a departmental enquiry will be initiated against him for dereliction of duty.

The judges questioned why Kapuria didn't receive alerts. Gedam said Kothari changed her mobile number and email address in the bank's records, "and that is why when the transaction was happening, the victim was not getting any kind of alerts". The judges said, "This is extremely serious." They enquired if the police did an investigation with the bank, adding, "They can't be allowed to go scot-free."

Justice Mohite-Dere asked, "Is there no accountability of any bank when money is siphoned off under their nose?" Siddiquee referred to an RBI circular. "Considering the manner in which the petitioner was cheated," the judges directed HDFC Bank's senior manager of Lokhandwala branch or regional manager in charge of Mumbai to be impleaded as well as RBI. "This can't be tolerated. Today, this is one case that has come up... Let them know what is happening because there are a lot of senior citizens who have parked their money in fixed deposits for their security in old age," said Justice Mohite-Dere.

Posting the next matter on Dec 13, the judges said they also want to also know the amount in Kapuria's account before and after the Oct 30 FIR was lodged, "because you did not act with promptness, whether the money was siphoned off... after registration of FIR."

LeT sharpshooter behind J&K terror hit that killed 7 shot

Saleem Pandit & Sanjay Khajuria

Srinagar/Jammu: Security operations in J&K resulted in the killing of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) sharpshooter Junaid Ramzan Bhat in Dachigam forests near Srinagar Tuesday, while two women were detained in Udhampur on suspicion of serving as "overground workers" for terrorist groups.

A resident of Kulgam in south Kashmir, Junaid was wanted in connection with the Oct 20 terrorist attack at a tunnel-construction company's campsite in Ganderbal district, where seven employees were gunned down in cold blood.

The operation began Monday night when security forces acting on specific intelligence laid a cordon in Srinagar's Harwan area. However, the terrorists escaped under the cover of darkness toward Dachigam. The forces resumed their operation Tuesday morning and killed Junaid after a brief gunfight.

His associates managed to escape. "A mop-up operation is ongoing in the area to track the remaining terrorists," a police officer said.

In Udhampur district of Jammu region, homemaker Maryama Begum and Arshad Begum, a widow, were detained under the Public Safety Act (PSA) for allegedly serving as guides and providing logistical support to terrorist organisations.

According to a police spokesperson, 10 people were detained in Kathua district on Nov 27, following searches at 56 locations the day before.

Bilal Bahadur

Forces also detained 2 suspected women terror associates

Accidental firing kills jawan in Kishtwar

A 24-year-old Army jawan died after his service weapon accidentally went off in J&K's Kishtwar district late Monday. The deceased soldier was identified as Sepoy Satnam Singh, a resident of Jammu, reports **Sanjay Khajuria.** Earlier the same evening, a retired Village Defence Guard, Ashok Kumar, was found dead in Udhampur district.

3 following sat nav app plunge into UP canal, escape unhurt

Bareilly: A car carrying three people, with the driver guided by a satellite navigation app, plunged into a canal on the Bareilly-Pilibhit state highway after being directed to a damaged road near Barkapur village on Tuesday morning. All occupants, including the driver, escaped unhurt, and the vehicle was later retrieved using a crane, reports **Kanwardeep Singh**.

Divyanshu Singh, from Auraiya district, was driving the sedan with two friends, Shubham Kumar and Milind Prakash, when it fell into the Kalapur canal. SP (City) Manush Pareek told **TOI**, "Three friends from Kanpur were heading to Pilibhit for a wedding. They used a GPS navigation system, which directed them to a shortcut with a broken road, causing the car to fall into the canal. Luckily, the canal was dry, and the passengers sustained only injuries. If the driver files a complaint, action will be taken against those responsible. We will ask the canal department to repair the road to prevent such accidents."

No Bishnoi gang link, threats bid to upgrade Pappu security: Cops

Manoj Chaurasia | TNN

Patna: Bihar police claimed Tuesday that a man arrested for death threats made against independent MP Rajesh Ranjan alias Pappu Yadav was not linked to jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, but he was inveigled into an alleged conspiracy to secure an upgrade to the Purnia strongman's Y-category security.

The suspect, identified as Ram Babu Yadav, was arrested Monday in Bhojpur district and he was earlier associated with Yadav's Jan Adhikar Party (JAP), police said.

According to Purnia SP Kartikeya Kumar Sharma, the accused claimed he was lured by Yadav's associates with a promise of Rs 2 lakh to issue video threats. "The accused said he was told to issue death threats to the MP so that his security could be upgraded. During interrogation, no links to the Lawrence Bishnoi group were found," the officer said.

"When Yadav visited his village some 4-5 years ago, he met the man and had photos taken together," Sharma said.

When asked if the MP was involved, Sharma said: "This is a matter of investigation."

Yadav denied the allegations and challenged the police to expose those behind the conspiracy. "If someone paid money to threaten me, the police should reveal their names and arrest them."

JD(U) chief spokesperson Neeraj Kumar accused Yadav of staging the threats.

Police said accused Ram Babu was linked to Pappu Yadav's (in pic) Jan Adhikar Party

Rohtang Pass closed to traffic amid black ice concerns

Kullu/Shimla: Rohtang Pass, a major tourist destination connecting Kullu and Lahaul valleys, has been closed to traffic due to decreasing temperatures and the formation of black ice on the road. The upper reaches of Himachal — high-altitude areas of Lahaul Spiti, Chamba, Kinnaur and Kullu districts — received light snowfall Tuesday even as the dry spell continues in the low and mid hills of the state.

The order to close Rohtang Pass was recently issued by Kullu administration after an inspection team found the road condition risky for driving. Kullu administration has also closed its police check-posts in Gulaba and Marhi, located near Rohtang Pass. Lahaul Spiti Police have also issued an advisory against travelling on Manali-Leh highway due to formation of black ice on the road.

Rohtang Pass will now reopen for traffic next year in May or June. Meanwhile, doors of several temples located above 3,000 meters have also been shut and their trek routes closed due to winter. TNN

Will miss jail, says 104-yr-old as he walks free after 3 decades

Subhro Maitra | TNN

Malda: Following an SC order last week, 104-year-old Rasik Chandra Mandal on Tuesday stepped out of Malda prison where he has spent close to three decades.

Years ago, Rasik, who owned a sizeable chunk of fertile land, had developed differences over it with his brother, Suresh Mandal. In Nov 1988, Suresh was shot dead in his home. On the basis of his widow's complaint, police arrested a few villagers, including Rasik.

A trial court in 1994 found Rasik and Jiten Mandal, a local, guilty and awarded them life term. At the time of his arrest, Rasik was 68.

A few years ago, Rasik and Jiten came home on parole. During this time, Jiten died and Rasik returned to jail. Rasik then moved SC.

A bench of justices A Abdul Nazeer, now retired, and Sanjiv Khanna, now CJI, on May 7, 2021 issued a notice to the Bengal govt and asked the superintendent of the correctional home "to file a status report regarding the physical condition and health of Mandal". After the state told SC that Rasik was mentally agile and fit, an SC bench of CJI Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar released him on bail on Nov 29. The bail papers reached Malda Correctional Home on Tuesday .

Emerging from jail holding his son Uttam's hand, Rasik said: "I am happy to be going home, but I'll miss jail." He said he had led a peaceful life with other inmates who "were like his extended family", and he was used to the daily routine.

Mandal was released following an SC order. He said other jail inmates 'were like his extended family'

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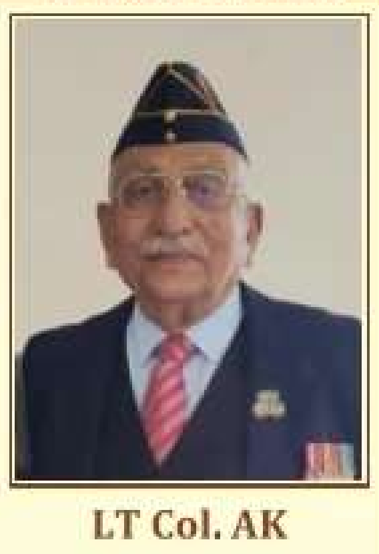

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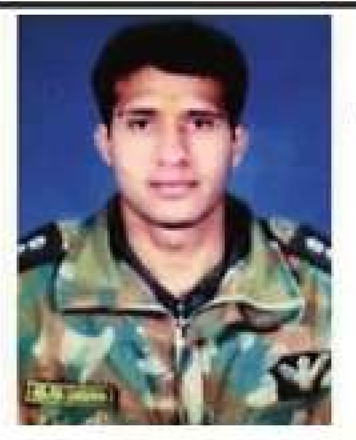

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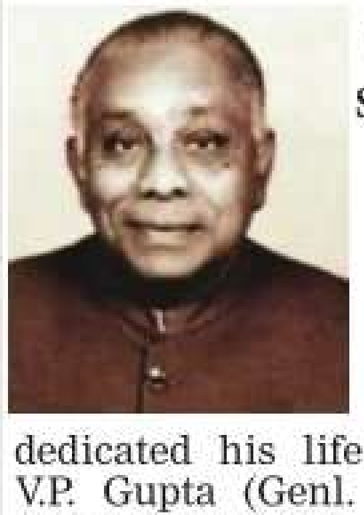

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MPSC questions linking women's edu to fertility dip trigger row

Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar: Two multiple-choice questions in the Maharashtra Service Public Commission's preliminary examination — one linking women's education to reduced fertility and another on alcohol consumption — have drawn criticism from education activists and a section of candidates who have questioned their relevance in a civil services examination, reports **Prasad Joshi**.

One of the questions read: 'Education for women reduces fertility due to...'. It had four options — education improves work opportunity for women; educated women want their own children to be educated; education and literacy make women more receptive to information about contraception and improving economic condition of women.

There was another question on keeping oneself away from consuming alcohol even upon the insistence of friends. The question had four options: I will tell my friends that my parents have forbidden me to drink alcohol; will refuse to drink alcohol; will drink alcohol only because friends are drinking and will refuse and lie to them that I have liver disease.

A section of candidates said MPSC had erred in framing the question and raised questions over its competency. The examination was held on Dec 1. MPSC secretary Suvarna Karat said a panel of experts framed the question paper for the prelim examination.

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SC chides govt for denying pension to wife of soldier who died on LoC

'Death Comes Within Ambit Of Battle Casualties'

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New Delhi: A soldier, who was part of 'Operation Rakshak' and deployed near LOC in J&K lost his life in extreme climactic conditions, while discharging his duty in the wee hours of a chilly Jan morning in 2013 but his widow was denied Liberalised Family Pension (LFP) despite getting order in her favour from armed forces tribunal in 2019 as Centre moved SC and the litigation went on for five more years.

Rejecting the plea of Centre and defence ministry and ordering them to grant her LFP, SC Tuesday took strong exception of govt for not taking a sympathetic view and dragging the widow in court for protracted legal proceedings to deny her rightful and imposed a cost of Rs 50,000 to be given to her.

Govt had denied pension on grounds that it was a case of 'physical casualty'

LPF is given in case of death of an armed forces personnel under certain circumstances and eligible family is entitled to pension equal to reckonable emoluments last drawn. Govt denied LFP on grounds that it was a case of 'physical casualty' and not 'battle casualty' where LPF is granted to the family. The commanding officer in this case had categorised the death as a 'battle casualty', and later it was changed to a 'physical casualty' which was challenged by the family.

After examining records and rules, a bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George Masih said govt had wrongly denied the widow the pension as the death happened as a result of war-like situations and it comes within the ambit of 'battle casualties'.

"Thus, the death can be attributed to illness caused by extreme climatic conditions. Hence, as per clause 1(g) of Appendix A of the Army Order 1 of 2003, the case will fall in 'battle casualties'. The reason is that the deceased was operating near LOC in extreme climatic conditions. He was part of 'Operation Rakshak'. The casualty caused by illness due to climatic conditions is covered by clause 1(g). In this case, the respondent's husband was a victim of illness caused by extreme climatic conditions," the bench said.

58 yrs on, HC relief for war hero's widow

Anguri Devi's husband Nater Pal Singh of Rajput Regiment died in a landmine explosion on western front during the 1965 war with Pakistan. Her battle for a long-overdue recognition of her husband's sacrifice began soon after — and continued for 58 years, reports **Ajay Sura**. Though initially granted a special family pension, she was excluded from subsequent policy benefits, including the liberalised allowance introduced in 1972 and a 2001 amendment enhancing financial support for families of operational casualties. After nearly six decades of perseverance, the 87-year-old war widow finally received her rightful pension benefits — thanks to a landmark decision by Punjab and Haryana HC. The HC judgment, made available Monday, ordered arrears payable from the policy's effective date. The division bench, led by Justice Sureshwar Thakur and Justice Sudeepti Sharma, ruled that administrative lapses should not deny recurring rights granted under the law.

Woman's dying declaration sends hubby, kin to life in jail

Agra: A man and his sister-in-law, who were in an illicit relationship, were sentenced to life imprisonment by a special court (SC/ST Act) in Agra for burning alive his wife on June 2, 2015. ADGC Hemant Dixit said on Tuesday that the victim Shashi's dying declaration against the two played a crucial role in nailing them, reports **Deepak Lavania**.

Dixit said: "Police had filed a detailed chargesheet in the case. Seven witnesses, including cops and doctors, testified in court. The convicts were also imposed a fine of Rs 25,000 each." The court delivered the sentence Saturday.

The FIR against Sitaram, his sister-in-law Geeta and other family members was registered under sections 302 (murder) and 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) of IPC.

After 13 years in jail, SC sets free man accused of minor's rape-murder

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New Delhi: After spending more than 13 years in jail for allegedly raping and killing a 10-year old girl for which he was first awarded death sentence but it was commuted to life imprisonment by the Allahahad high court, the accused has now been acquitted by Supreme Court.

A bench of Justices Abhay S Oka, Ahsanuddin Amanullah and Augustine George Masih granted relief to the accused citing many flaws in the trial proceedings as the accused was not given effective legal aid and he went unrepresented by lawyer at various stage of proceedings and also incriminating material was not placed before him in his examination.

It said the case could not be sent back for fresh trial as 15 years have passed after the incident and also that the accused spent almost 13 years in jail.

The bench said the trial court shockingly imposed death penalty in a case which ought to have resulted in acquittal. "Imposing capital punishment in such a case shocks the conscience of this court," it said.

"There is no doubt that material circumstances appearing in evidence against the appellant have not been put to him. The version of main prosecution witnesses was not put to him. In this case, even the date and place of the crime allegedly committed by him were not put to him," it said.

Bangleseller booked on Pocso charge in '21 acquitted

Indore: A trial court in Indore Tuesday acquitted Taslim Ali, a bangleseller from UP who was accused of molesting a minor and plying his trade under a fake name in Indore in 2021, reports **Karishma Kotwal**.

On Tuesday, special judge (Pocso) Rashmi Walter acquitted Ali after finding that prosecution had failed to prove beyond doubt that he had molested the child or produced forged documents to hide his identity.

On Aug 22, 2021, Ali, then 25, was selling bangles in Banganga area when he was attacked by a mob that accused him of hiding his identity and molesting a minor. He had spent nearly four months in jail before MP HC granted him bail in 2021. Ali, too, had filed a complaint about his assault, and some of his alleged attackers were arrested too. The case is pending in district court.

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Watch out TOFIs! Your ‘thin’ look can hide worrying amounts of fat

Skinny people can be fat inside, say doctors, warning Indians that just weight or BMI is not an indicator of health

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Is your Body Mass Index (BMI) less than 23 and you’ve always thought of yourself as healthy? Before you start doing a jig about not having those layers of lard, you might need to stop and consider whether you’re a TOFI — Thin Outside and Fat Inside. The acronym describes someone who carries visceral fat around vital organs that can significantly increase their risk of dying prematurely, say experts.

Rohan Krishnakumar, a 40-year-old resident of Chennai, didn’t realise he was a TOFI. He was slender with a seemingly healthy BMI, and didn’t feel the need for medical check-ups. However, a few months ago, Krishnakumar experienced chest pain and was immediately taken to hospital. Upon examination, it was discovered that he had suffered a mild heart attack which came as a shock to his family given his thin frame.

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> **Dr Ambrish Mithal**

A blood test revealed that Krishnakumar also had diabetes. Dr V Mohan, a diabetologist from Chennai and a member of the team treating him, recounts that Krishnakumar’s blood pressure and serum triglyceride levels were significantly high as well, and his waist circumference of 95cm raised concerns. Furthermore, his HDL cholesterol level was alarmingly low at 28. Krishnakumar exhibited all the characteristics of a metabolic syndrome, which ultimately led to the heart attack.

Thin people often consider themselves lucky and assume they are in the clear healthwise. However, experts say appearances can be deceptive. Someone who is of normal weight may still be harbouring a significant amount of bad fat inside, especially when combined with low muscle mass, explains Dr Ambrish Mithal, chairman, endocrinology and diabetes at Max Healthcare, Saket, New Delhi. “South Asians, particularly Indians, tend to accumulate visceral fat around the heart, lungs, liver and other organs even when they seem to have optimum body weight. This fat produces inflammatory cytokines or toxins, leading to a whole lot of metabolic derangements,” adds Dr Mithal, also past president of the Endocrine Society of India.

An Indian Council of Medical Research-India Diabetes (ICMR-INDIAB) study published in 2023 shed light on the phenomenon of thin-fat Indians with a BMI of less than 25 or even less than 23, but having a high waist circumference. The study found that they were at a higher risk of non-communicable diseases, including diabetes and heart disease.

Dr Devi Prasad Shetty, cardiac surgeon and chairman, Narayana Health, Bengaluru often sees patients with a slim build, but still having elevated cholesterol levels in his clinical practice. The main reason for thin people having high cholesterol is a genetic tendency, he says, adding, “Despite maintaining a lean physique, some accumulate significant cholesterol deposits, leading to arterial blockages.” In some cases, thyroid disorders like hypothyroidism can also contribute to high cholesterol levels in lean individuals, says Dr Shetty.

Another contributing factor is the consumption of an unhealthy diet by thin individuals, which may include excessive amounts of sugar, meat and dairy products. This can increase blood cholesterol levels, regardless of body weight.

BMI vs waist circumference

Experts are also questioning whether BMI is a reliable indicator of health in the Indian population. While it provides some insight, its effectiveness is limited, they say.

BMI is calculated by dividing the weight in kilograms by the height in metres squared. So, if one’s weight is 70 kg and height is 170 cm, the BMI would be 24.22. A body mass index between 18.5 and 23 is considered normal, 23 to 25 is overweight and above 25 is obese in South Asians.

The primary drawback of using BMI as a measure of obesity is that it relies solely on body weight, which does not differentiate between fat, bone and muscle mass, explains Dr Mohan. “For instance, a highly muscular individual such as an athlete or a weightlifter may have a higher body weight due to their substantial muscle mass, which is a sign of good health. Consequently, it has been recognised that body weight and BMI are not precise indicators of obesity or excessive body fat, particularly among Indians.”

Many are now tuning to gauging central adiposity by measuring waist circumference. This is measured around the umbilicus or, to be accurate, the midpoint between the lower border of the ribs and the upper border of the hip bone, says Dr Mohan. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), a waist circumference of 90cm (35.4 inches) or more for men, and 80cm (31.4 inches) or more for women is associated with an increased risk of metabolic complications. “In our experience, and based on our own research, a simple waist measurement is better than the waist to hip ratio,” says Dr Mohan. The waist measurement divided by the height of the individual is also a fairly reliable metric, as good as or maybe slightly better than the waist measurement alone, he adds. This is called the Body Roundness Index or BRI.

Other doctors suggest that body composition analysis (BCA) is particularly important for South Asians. BCA — which only takes a few minutes and is done by a machine — not only gives you the percentage of body fat, but also visceral fat and muscle. “You just stand on a machine, and it does the calculation for you,” says Dr Mithal, adding that BCA should be part of health checkups in hospitals. BCA testing is relatively cheap, typically a few hundred rupees per test.

Experts point out that consuming an adequate amount of protein and engaging in regular physical activity are crucial for building lean muscle, which can improve your body composition and reduce the negative impact of carrying extra fat.

Why are Indians thin-fat?

One reason why Indians exhibit a body composition characterised by a lean exterior and a higher proportion of internal fat is the thrifty gene hypothesis. According to researchers, this was shaped by famines in the past. During periods of inadequate nutrition, the body would respond by storing energy as fat in the abdominal region. This visceral fat accumulation served as a survival mechanism, allowing the body to draw upon these energy reserves during times of scarcity. In times of plenty, this works against us. Combine this with a diet that is low on protein and high in carbohydrates, and overall malnutrition, and we have problems like diabetes.

“Lack of proper nourishment during the crucial stages of foetal development can also have long-lasting consequences,” says Dr Mithal. When a child born to an undernourished mother is exposed to the modern energy-rich environment, including access to fast food, they are more likely to rapidly gain weight, particularly around the abdominal area and visceral organs, he says.

OUT WITH BMI. HERE ARE BETTER WAYS TO MEASURE RISKY FAT

WHR **WAIST TO HIP RATIO:** Calculated by dividing your waist circumference by your hip circumference. WHO says a moderate WHR is 0.9 or less in men and 0.85 or less for women. A WHR of 1 or more is linked to an increased risk of heart disease

BRI **BODY ROUNDNESS INDEX:** Looks at height, weight, waist and hip circumferences. Calculated through a complex formula — 364.2 − 365.5 × √ (1 − [waist circumference in cm / 2π] 2 / [0.5 × height in cm] 2). Online calculators can do it for you easily if you enter all the metrics. A score between 4.45 and 6.91 suggests high abdominal fat levels, while above 6.91 should ring alarm bells

BCA **BODY COMPOSITION ANALYSIS:** Done by a machine, it can tell you your body fat percentage or how much of your body is made up of fat vs bone and muscle. For example, a body fat percentage of 25% means that one-quarter of your body is composed of fat, and 75% is bone and muscle. It varies by age and gender

WC **WAIST CIRCUMFERENCE:** It’s the easiest to do as all it needs is a tape measure. According to WHO, a waist circumference of 90cm (35.4 inches) or more for men, and 80cm (31.4 inches) or more for women brings an increased risk of metabolic complications

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TECHNOLOGY FOR HEALTH

Shorts that help seniors walk easily & longer

“Walking is man’s best medicine.” These words of Hippocrates couldn’t ring truer in a world where we are clocking more and more steps to realise health goals. But what about the frail and elderly, for whom walking is an uphill task? German scientists have tailored just the device for them — robotic shorts.

Researchers from the Technical University of Munich (TUM) have come up with a backpack-like motorised system that can help people walk for miles with much less energy expended. “You can walk slowly with the shorts, but you can also jog. We have developed a system that makes people want to move around more. It’s the same concept as the electric bike, but for walking,” TUM professor Lorenzio Masia states in a press release. The research was published in Nature Machine Intelligence journal.

Masia says the wearable, suitably named WalkON, is particularly useful for elderly people and those weakened by illness (heart or lung disease) but do not need wheeled walkers. “Walking helps improve their metabolism which, in turn, may have a positive effect on their illness,” he said.

Doctoral student Enrica Tricomi demonstrated how the portable and lightweight robotic shorts work in a video by putting on the ‘backpack’ and strapping it with a waist belt. She then strapped two thigh harnesses connected to the waist belt with two thin, artificial tendons, and motion sensors on the outer sides. The tendons gauge the hip angle and velocity through an attached measuring device, helping the user walk easily by relieving the hip flexors (muscles in the upper thigh that help move the leg upwards). “The system recognises how fast or slowly the person is moving, adapts to the respective weight of the legs, and provides individual support,” Tricomi says.

TUM/Uwe Anspach

WALK ON: Researcher Enrica Tricomi tests the shorts on a senior citizen

The research found that when someone young walks 500m uphill wearing the shorts, their expended energy (known as metabolic cost) is reduced by 18% compared to regular walking. And for an elderly person walking 400m on a flat surface wearing the device, the metabolic cost is cut by more than 10%. It’s like the effect of losing 6-10kg of body weight. Walking is known to boost immune function, and protects the joints. Another plus is that the device doesn’t take over the user’s agency. So, the elderly can be out and about for longer without feeling that they are dependent on an external aid for walking. AGENCIES

‘AI can’t replace doctors but it can help them become faster, better’

ASK THE DOCTOR Artificial intelligence (AI) is revolutionising our healthcare systems. **Dr Prateek Sharma**, president of American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy and chair for its AI task force who will be delivering the keynote address at the 65th annual conference of Indian Society of Gastroenterology in Varanasi in Dec, talks about the pros and cons of AI-powered healthcare

There’s a lot of buzz about AI in healthcare. How transformative is it?

It’s changing the way diseases are diagnosed, managed and even prevented. Once seen only as science fiction and in movies, AI has quickly moved from research labs to hospitals, clinics and our phones. AI is all about teaching computers to recognise patterns, learn from data and make predictions. In healthcare, it means AI tools can go through patient images and histories, and help doctors make faster, more accurate decisions by recognising subtle changes often missed by the human eye. It can spot signs of skin, lung or breast cancers sooner from X-rays and MRI scans, and assist pathologists in diagnosing diseases from biopsy images.

What about outside hospitals?

Virtual assistants and chatbots on smartphone apps can now guide people through managing chronic conditions like diabetes or heart disease. These apps use AI to keep a check on patient health and provide personalised advice — reminders to take medications, exercise recommendations, and even alerts to see a doctor if necessary. Diabetes is a common condition in India. AI-powered apps for diabetes management provide suggestions based on patients’ real-time blood sugar data, offering more control over their health, especially in rural areas with limited access to doctors. Telemedicine can also connect patients in remote areas with doctors in metro cities if specialty care is not available locally, reducing the need for long-distance travel.

What are the risks of using AI?

AI deals with a large amount of patient data. Keeping this data secure and private is a big challenge. An AI system can make a mistake which could lead to a wrong diagnosis or treatment. To avoid this, AI systems should undergo high levels of testing before use. Many small clinics can’t afford AI technology as it’s expensive. Accessible large language models (LLMs) like ChatGPT/Gemini could lead to an over-reliance on AI that could impact a doctor’s clinical judgement. LLMs can sometimes give outdated information that might sound accurate. One must remember that they lack medical expertise and are not trained on medical literature. It’s our job as doctors to double check AI-generated information.

What about the concern that AI, and not doctors, will treat patients in the future?

AI will never replace the human expertise and compassion provided by doctors. The future is about partnership, where doctors and AI work together to deliver the best treatment. The medical community must balance innovation with caution, so that technology improves — rather than replaces — the human connection in medicine.

Sharing of medical documents like X-rays and MRI scans with an AI chatbot, such as Elon Musk’s Grok on X, has recently been encouraged. What are the benefits and risks?

This may provide the public with a simplified understanding of medical images/documents, helping them better understand their health condition/diseases. However, users need to be aware of data privacy, transparency, bias and ethical issues associated with such public sharing of data. Not fully understanding how their data is being used, stored or shared could lead to unethical exploitation of users’ medical information. Besides, the lack of regulatory approval for AI chatbots like Grok means they may not be adequately trained, or may be using biased data which could lead to less reliable clinical interpretation, misdiagnoses or incomplete feedback. Medical management requires expertise and context, which an AI tool will lack without a doctor’s oversight.

LATEST IN HEALTH RESEARCH

Milk not good for women’s hearts

A study by Uppsala University, Sweden has found that drinking 300ml milk or more daily (whether full fat or skimmed) raised risks of ischemic heart disease and heart attacks in women, while having no impact on men. Around one lakh Swedish men and women were studied in two cohorts, and a blood plasma analysis revealed that women who had four glasses of milk a day had a 21% higher risk of ischemic heart disease.

Doomscrolling a mental health trap, say experts

University College London (UCL) researchers have found that people suffering from poor mental health seek out negative online content (doomscrolling) and are then caught in a toxic cycle that makes them more depressed. “We spend many hours online, and as humans, we only just started doing so in the last few years. Is it causing problems? Lots of people are saying there’s a correlation between poor mental health and internet use,” UCL professor of cognitive neuroscience Tali Sharot told The Times.

Eat by 5pm to reduce risk of diabetes

Scientists from Columbia University and Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC) have found that consuming around 45% of your daily calories after 5 in the evening significantly increases your diabetes risk. “The body’s ability to metabolize glucose is limited at night as our cells’ sensitivity to insulin declines due to the circadian rhythm,” study co-author Dr Diana Díaz Rizzolo told Daily Mail.

WHICH ONE IS HEALTHIER?

Nimbu pani	One glass (from Tetra Pak)	Buttermilk
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Nil	PROTEIN	3gm
Nil	FATS	3gm
11gm	CARBS	3.6gm
10gm	SUGAR	Nil
35mg	VITAMIN C	Nil
400mg	SODIUM	500mg

Source: **Ritika Samaddar**, chief clinical nutritionist, Max Healthcare

Both these summer coolers are everyone’s favourite. Nimbu pani is an excellent source of vitamin C and helps detoxify the system. And adding less sugar reduces its calories. On the other hand, fermented dairy drink buttermilk contains probiotics that promote gut health. It’s a good source of protein and calcium, and is good for those with lactose intolerance. A line of caution though: go for fresh buttermilk instead of a packaged one as that’s loaded with salt and not suitable for people with hypertension.

MY MOST INTERESTING CASE

Patient, heal thyself. How simple DIY method fixed a complex eye problem

Dr Viswanathan Iyer

> The patient had a protrusion of the left eye, with engorged veins owing to an abnormal connection between arteries and veins of the eye’s orbit. I told him to repeatedly compress an artery in his neck with two fingers, which would close the connection. Within a fortnight, he was cured

One fine day in my clinic, I saw Mr MK, a chirpy 52-year-old man accompanied by his wife and young son. He was referred to me by Dr Anuradha Ayyar, an ophthalmologist who specialises in the intricate plastic and reconstructive surgery of the eye and orbit. The orbit is the cavity or socket in the skull that houses the eye and its appendages.

Typically, a patient who has been meticulously evaluated by a colleague and referred for further care tends to be both a gift and a test at once. Since the patient has already undergone a battery of tests and reached a provisional diagnosis, the further referral is either for reconfirmation of the diagnosis, certain advanced investigations or for definitive treatment. So, when such a patient walks into the clinic, their anticipation from you is bound to be high, as the cross-referral is a testament to the trust placed by the referring colleague.

“Very interesting” is how Dr Anuradha had described Mr MK, who had markedly elevated blood sugar levels and hypertension when he first walked into her hospital on a bright Monday morning. He had recently been discharged from a hospital after receiving a course of steroid and antibiotic injections for protrusion of his left eye.

The oral steroids post discharge had catapulted his blood sugar levels. He had sought the expertise of several eye surgeons for his swollen left eye, and other specialists to manage his blood sugar and thyroid issues. However, despite treatment, his condition had deteriorated, and he now experienced blurred vision.

The scans, when Dr Anuradha examined them, revealed a dilated vein in his eye. Suspecting an abnormal connection of the blood vessels in his brain, she advised him to undergo an MRI scan, which confirmed her hunch. She decided to refer the patient to a brain specialist for treatment.

In the presence of his wife and son, when I examined Mr MK’s scan, it revealed a protrusion of the left eye, along with engorged veins akin to what we observe when we use a tourniquet on the forearm prior to blood sampling. Mr MK appeared deeply perturbed by his condition, if not thoroughly exasperated by the lack of a definitive diagnosis.

I recommended a cerebral angiogram to find the cause of the engorged veins. This is similar to the procedure performed by cardiologists to visualise the blood supply of the heart. The angiogram threw up an abnormal connection between the arteries and veins of the eye’s orbit, resulting in elevated pressure. This pressure impeded the outflow of deoxygenated blood from the eye.

The treatment was to disrupt and delay the blood flow into the eye, promoting the closure of the abnormal connection. While this may sound complex in theory, the solution — as I saw it — was rather simple and practical. Instead of writing down a prescription, I pressed down two fingers on my neck to show the 52-year-old what he must do at home: repeatedly compress an artery in his neck using his fingers.

He diligently performed this manoeuvre to the T for two weeks. A fortnight later, when he returned to my clinic, I didn’t need to see his bloodwork to tell that he was completely cured. The smile of relief on his face reached both the right and the left eye, which was no longer swollen.

For me, the case gives a whole new meaning to the phrase ‘hands-on treatment’. While the road to his diagnosis may have been technically complicated, all it took to restore Mr MK’s vision and spirits was a quick, simple self-treatment. Like many things in the age of information, medical answers too at times rest — quite literally — on our fingertips.

Dr Iyer, a brain and spine surgeon who leads the neurosciences department at Horizon Hospital, spoke to ***Sharmila Ganesan Ram***

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FOR EXTENDED CELEBRATIONS TURN THE PAGE

3 new criminal laws to ensure justice for women: PM in Chandigarh

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Chandigarh: PM Narendra Modi on Tuesday said that the three new laws ensure the law stands with the victim. PM, accompanied by Union home minister Amit Shah, was reviewing the progress of implementation of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA).

Modi added that in heinous crimes against women, like rape, charges would be framed within 60 days from the first hearing, and it had also been made mandatory to pronounce the verdict within 45 days of completion of hearing, along with no more than two adjournments in any case.

PM said useful tools like e-Saksha, Nyay Shruti, Nyay Setu, and e-Summon Portal were developed to implement the new laws, which replace the colonial-era Indian Penal Code (IPC), Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC), and Indian Evidence Act with a modern, efficient, and citizen-friendly legal framework.

The event marked a significant step in India's legal history as Chandigarh became the first region to fully implement these reforms, PM said. "Chandigarh has become the first city in the country where the judicial process will proceed with the complete modernisation of the five pillars of the criminal justice system — police, judiciary, forensic sciences, prosecution, and prisons," Amit Shah said.

The three new laws were implemented in Chandigarh on July 1, 2024, and Chandigarh police registered a total 1,179 FIRs under the new laws in five months.

During the programme, Modi and Shah also witnessed a live demonstration showcasing the police's enhanced functioning under the new legal system, including the use of AI, advanced forensic methods, and digital evidence to solve crimes and ensure speedy justice. During the live demonstration, Surendra Singh Yadav, DGP UT, and Kanwardeep Kaur, SSP UT, were seen giving details to the PM.

Modi stressed that the live demo shown in Chandigarh should be promoted and shown by the police of every state. He added that the new laws would work to change the psychology of society.

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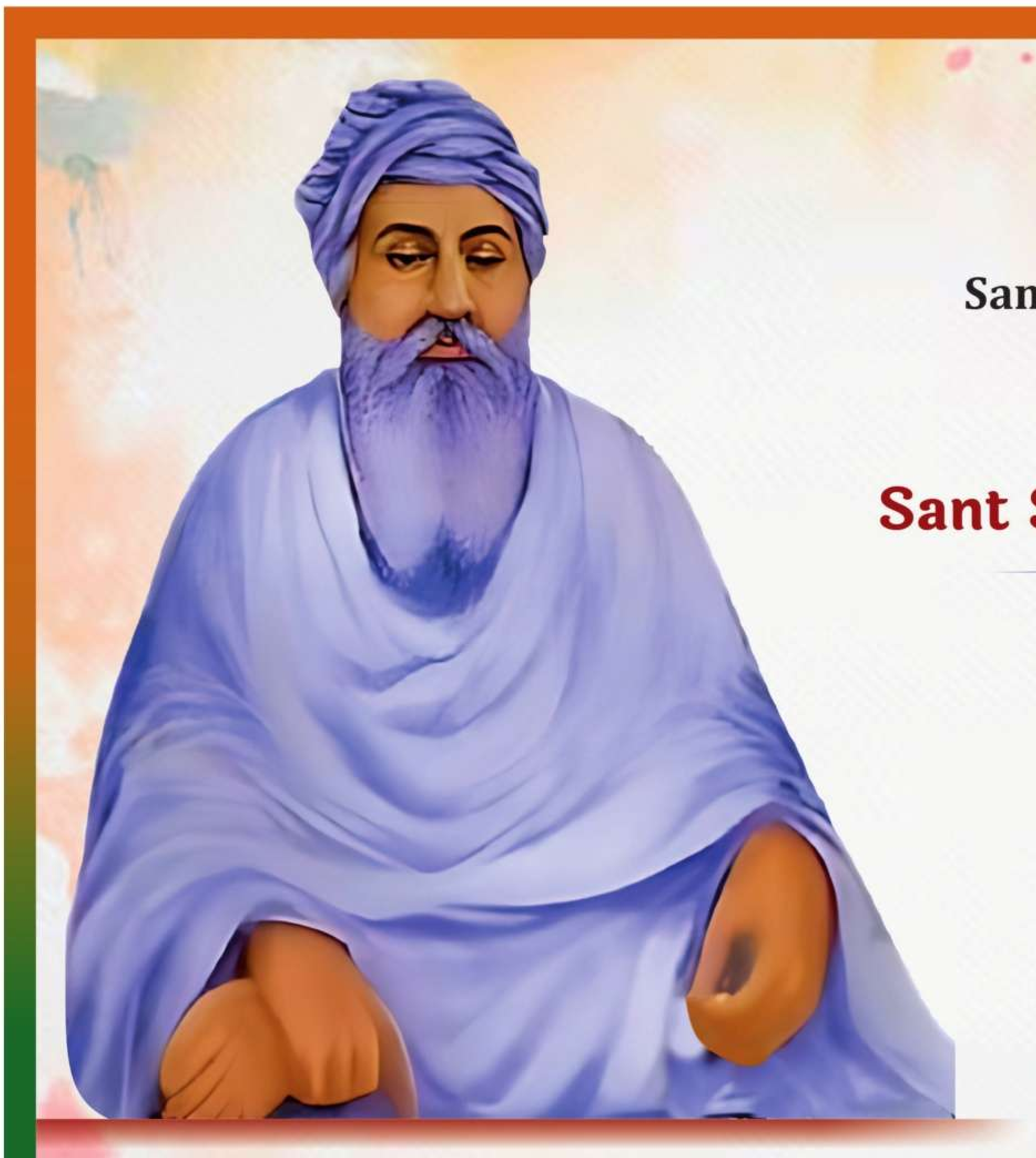

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HOUSE DIARY

Chem fertilisers: Punjab top user

The use of chemical fertilisers per hectare in Punjab is around 77% more than national average, govt informed RS Tuesday. In a written reply, fertiliser ministry said in 2023-24, "total nutrient per hectare" consumption in Punjab was 247.6kg compared to national average of 139.8kg. TNN

Tally of women in CAPFs up 172%

As many as 4,138 women jawans are likely to be recruited in different CAPFs and Assam Rifles next year, adding to total female component in CAPFs that has grown by 172% in past 10 years, from 15,499 in 2014 to 42,190 in 2024, reports **Bharti Jain**. Junior home minister Nityanand Rai added representation of women in CAPFs and AR as on 30.09.2024 remains an abysmal 4.4% (42,190 women against total sanctioned strength at 10.5 lakh).

Bill to replace 90-yr-old Aircraft Act tabled

Bharatiya Vayuyan Vidheyak, which seeks to replace 90-yr-old Aircraft Act with more efficient regulatory and consumer protection mechanisms & promote investments in civil aviation sector, was moved by govt in RS Tuesday. Opposition promptly latched on to the bill, which was cleared by LS in Aug, to demand a proper investigation into corruption allegations against Adani Group, which manages several airports in country. TNN

BJP MP spars with TMC over B'deshi migrants

BJP MP Samik Bhattacharya clashed with TMC members in RS as he raised issue of illegal Bangladeshi and Rohingya migrants who have settled in Kolkata. "It is a serious security threat," he said. TNN

Cyberfraud plaints helped save ₹3.5k cr

Immediate reporting of financial frauds & cases of siphoning off funds have helped save over Rs 3,431 crore, consumer affairs department said, adding 9.9 lakh complaints were registered since launch of 'Citizen Financial Cyber Fraud Reporting and Management System'. TNN

2.2cr bogus ration cards deleted in 5 years

Around 2.2 crore ration cards were deleted in past 5 years, food ministry informed RS. Govt included deserving beneficiaries after weeding out duplicate & bogus ones under food security scheme. TNN

LS nod to tweaked banking laws, FM says PSBs now safe & stable

Move Allows For 4 Nominees In All Bank A/Cs

Times News Network

The amendments will strengthen governance in banking sector, Sitharaman told LS on Tuesday

New Delhi: Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman Tuesday said public sector banks are now safe, stable, healthy, and showing "exceptional performance", as Lok Sabha passed crucial amendments to banking laws, which among other things provides for up to four nominees in all bank accounts.

The move is meant to ensure that successors of an account-holder or someone with a FD are not locked out as is often the case. Depositors can opt for either simultaneous nomination, where nominees are assigned specific percentage shares, or successive nomination, where nominees inherit in a predefined order.

In addition, Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024, also seeks to redefine "substantial interest" for directorships, which could increase to Rs 2 crore instead of the current limit of Rs 5 lakh. Among the 19 amendments is plan to transfer unclaimed dividends, shares, and bond interests to Investor Education and Protection Fund for easier reclaim by rightful owners.

"The proposed amendments will strengthen governance in banking sector and enhance customer convenience with respect to nomination and protection of investors," Sitharaman said while moving the bill.

Responding to debate on the bill, she said the number of branches of scheduled commercial bank has increased to 1.6 lakh, at end of Sept, compared to under 1.2 lakh in March 2014, with 3,792 branches added since Sept 2023. "Banks are being professionally run today. The metrics are healthy so they can go to the market and raise bonds, raise loans and run their business accordingly," the FM said, while stressing the role of banks in national growth. She attributed the current stability to careful policy measures implemented since 2014 that have allowed banks to operate professionally and leverage market opportunities.

The bill also invited criticism from opposition. TMC MP Kalyan Banerjee alleged that the bill was a "covert step towards privatising public sector banks" by potentially reducing govt stakes. He raised concern over cyber security and the necessity for advanced fraud detection systems. Samajwadi Party's Rajeev Rai brought up the plight of borrowers facing credit issues due to poor communication from banks, while DMK's Rani Srikumar questioned transparency of banking fees. Congress MP Karti Chidambaram spoke against the bill for not living up to govt's promise of "majestic reforms".

TDP's D Prasada Rao praised support public sector banks provide to small businesses, crediting BJP-TDP alliance. Sena UBT's Anil Desai noted a trend of investors moving towards alternative investments, and NCP (SP)'s Supriya Sule advocated for stronger measures against financial frauds.

BJP MP remarks on Indira spark slugfest in LS

New Delhi: BJP MP Sambit Patra's remarks on ex-PM Indira Gandhi during discussion on Banking Law (Amendment) Bill triggered a war of words between treasury bench & opposition in LS, prompting Speaker to urge the members to not digress from topic.

Participating in the debate on the Bill, Patra, recalling Nagarwala scandal, said, "On May 24, 1971, Indira called SBI's Parliament branch manager and asked to release Rs 60 lakh immediately. A panel was set up that didn't give clearance to her. This is an iconic 'phone banking example'."

DMK's A Raja raised objection to mention of the incident, saying it is a violation of Rule 94. "Indira is not in the House. You are referring to her name without any reason...," he said. Patra responded: "We have to be within the ambit of the Bill that is being discussed... We're discussing banking system & this case is one of the foundations on which reforms of banking sector are based." TNN

RS passes bill to promote ease of doing biz in oil, gas sectors

New Delhi: Oilfields (Regulation and Development) Amendment Bill, which seeks to create an enabling environment for investors by promoting "ease of doing business" and delinks petroleum operations from mining, was passed by a voice vote in RS Tuesday.

In a post on X, PM Modi said, "This is an important legislation which will boost energy security and also contribute to a prosperous India."

Petroleum minister Hardeep Singh Puri earlier said energy was "lifeline" for growth of any economy, and oil and natural gas sector require "heavy investments" and a long gestation period.

Policy stability, a fair dispute resolution mechanism and sharing of infrastructure, especially for small players, are among provisions of the Bill. It aims to decriminalise some provisions of the original Oilfields (Regulation and Development) Act, by introducing "penalties, adjudication by an adjudicating authority and appeal as against the order of adjudicating authority". TNN

After TMC, SP too steers clear of Cong-led Adani protests in LS

Times News Network

New Delhi: Differences among INDIA bloc parties became more visible Tuesday as TMC and SP refrained from joining Congress-led protests over the Adani issue in Lok Sabha.

MPs from Congress, AAP, RJD, Sena UBT, DMK and Left parties, among others, raised slogans against PM Narendra Modi demanding accountability be fixed for alleged corruption by the corporate house, and reiterated their demand for a JPC probe into the matter.

Leader of opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, AAP's Sanjay Singh, RJD's Misa Bharti and Sena UBT's Arvind Sawant participated in protest on the steps leading to Parliament's Makar Dwar. There was a brief walkout by opposition before they returned to participate in further proceedings.

However, SP and TMC were conspicuous by their absence. TMC, which has not prioritised the Adani controversy as much and has argued that Parliament session should be used to raise issues of unemployment, price rise and alleged discrimination by Centre against opposition-governed states in fund allocation, had not attended INDIA bloc meeting at Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge's residence Monday.

Speaker Om Birla warned members that if House business was disrupted further due to adjournments, he would have to convene proceedings over the weekends to compensate for lost time. Govt and opposition parties reached an agreement Monday to end a week-long impasse in Parliament, announcing dates for a discussion on the Constitution, marking its 75th year of adoption, in both Houses.

As soon as LS assembled for question hour, SP's Akhilesh Yadav raised Sambhal violence issue, seeking permission from Birla to speak on the subject. "This is a very serious matter. Five people have lost their lives," he said. While the speaker suggested that the issue could be raised during zero hour, Yadav and his party colleagues began to walk out in protest.

After a week, RS functions normally

After a week of disruption over Adani indictment and other issues that prevented the Upper House from conducting any business, Rajya Sabha started functioning normally Tuesday with members raising issues of importance with permission of the chair. SP MP Ram Gopal Yadav raised the recent violence and tensions in Sambhal, linking it with Nov 20 assembly polls. He said the incident was pre-planned to divert people's attention. After he was prevented from completing his remarks by Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar, SP and a few other parties — AITC, RJD, IUML and Sena UBT walked out in protest.

Earlier, Dhankhar said he had received 42 adjournment notices under Rule 267 on various issues, highest in the last quarter of a century. He also expressed anguish that a Rule 267 notice was made public even before it was considered. The chairman termed it a "disregard of provisions" and said the matter would be taken up with heads of various parties. TNN

Make disabled 'partners' to build inclusive India, says PM

This is a sacred day for India, PM Modi said as the country marked International Day of PwDs on Tuesday

Times News Network

New Delhi: PM Modi Tuesday called for embrace of persons with disabilities (PwDs) so that they become partners in the journey for an inclusive and developed India. Respect for persons with disabilities is ingrained in India's ideology and "our scriptures and folklore reflect this sentiment", he said, recalling how, after he assumed office in 2014, the term 'viklang' was replaced with 'divyang'.

Sharing his vision and achievements on a blog on International Day of PwDs, he said inclusivity was cornerstone of India's development journey and highlighted his govt's steadfast commitment to dignity and self-respect of PwDs. "This is a sacred day for India," he said and added that over the past decade, govt has implemented sweeping measures to empower the community.

On replacing 'viklang' with 'divyang', Modi said, "This was not just a change of words; it enhanced dignity of people with disabilities and gave greater recognition to their contributions."

Mentioning the flagship Accessible India Campaign, launched nine years ago on this day, PM hailed its impact, saying, "With collective resolve of 1.4 billion Indians, Accessible India has not only removed many obstacles from the paths of PwDs, but also provided them with a life of dignity and prosperity."

In a notable policy shift, govt expanded categories of disability from 7 to 21 under Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. For the first time, acid attack survivors were included, & provisions were made to ensure a more inclusive society. He lauded accomplishments of PwDs in sports, startups, and education.

With 300% increase in budget allocation for welfare of PwDs over the last decade, govt has reformed reservation system for jobs and higher education. "This opened new avenues for opportunities and advancement for them," the PM said.

CJI recuses self from hearing PILs on panel to select ECs

New Delhi: Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna Tuesday recused from hearing PILs which challenged a provision in the 2023 law that put home minister, instead of CJI as laid down by SC, in the panel, which included PM and leader of opposition, for selection of election commissioners. The petitioners pleaded that Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service, and Term of Office) Act, 2023, has altered composition of selection panel comprising PM, LoP and CJI, as was mandated by SC judgment in Anoop Baranwal case, by replacing CJI with home minister. When CJI Khanna expressed his desire to recuse, some advocates said it was he who had passed the interim order. The CJI said "the situation was different then", meaning he was not the CJI then. TNN

Day after PM prod, govt readies to boost port security

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New Delhi: Barely a day after PM Modi highlighted the need for better port security at the meeting of state police chiefs, govt began work on setting up a Bureau of Port Security to deal with these issues of all such establishments of central and state govts and private players. This will be on the lines of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), sources said.

TOI has learnt that home minister Amit Shah will chair the meeting on Thursday, which will be attended by top officials from port and shipping ministry, home secretary and chiefs of CISF and Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs to chalk out the roadmap and details. The move gains importance considering that there have been cases of seizure of contraband items and need for a uniform security protocol.

Sources said the move is aimed at enhancing coordination among the stakeholders, including enforcement agencies, port authorities, and maritime security establishments. "Currently, there is uniform security protocol for 12 major ports under Centre and CISF is deployed. But minor ports (under state and private players) are now handling more cargo and these deploy private security personnel for internal access. A uniform system will ensure quicker responses to security issues and incidents," said an official.

Merchant Shipping Bill, which will be introduced during the current session of Parliament envisages setting up of the Bureau of Port Security, which will function under the control of a designated authority.

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नवीन ओखला औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण के अधिसूचित क्षेत्र में शासन से स्वीकृत मास्टर प्लान एवं उत्तर प्रदेश औद्योगिक क्षेत्र विकास अधिनियम, 1976 के विपरीत प्लॉटिंग या किसी भी प्रकार का अन्य निर्माण पूरी तरह अवैध है। जनसामान्य को आगाह किया जाता है कि इस प्रकार की अवैध कॉलोनियों एवं अवैध निर्मित भवनों में भूखण्डों/अपार्टमेंट/दुकान/गोडाऊन/फार्महाउस की खरीद–फरोख्त से पूर्णतः सचेत रहें तथा कॉलोनाईजर के लुभावने एवं भ्रामक विज्ञापनों से बचे। साथ ही नौएडा अधिसूचित क्षेत्र के हिण्डन एवं यमुना नदियों के डूब क्षेत्र (Flood Plain Zone) में अनधिकृत/अवैध प्लॉट एवं फार्म हाऊसों के कारोबार में संलिप्त भूमाफियाओं के चंगुल में न फंसे।"

General Manager (Jal)
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CSIR – CENTRAL ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING RESEARCH INSTITUTE
Pilani (Rajasthan) – 333031

RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited for filling up the following posts in CSIR-CEERI

S. No.	Name & Group of Posts	Qualification Degree	Number of Vacancy	Mode of Recruitment	Level & Pay
1.	Technical Assistant, Group - B	TA-1(B.Sc.) TA-2 (Diploma)	11	Direct Recruitment (DR)	Level-6 (Rs.35400-112400)

The last date of receipt of online application is **09.01.2025.** For detailed advertisement, eligibility criteria i.e. qualifications and experience etc., visit our website – **www.ceeri.res.in**

Controller of Administration

BSES Rajdhani Power Limited
A Joint Venture of Reliance Infrastructure Ltd. & Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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An Internal Consumer Grievance Redressal Cell (ICGRC) has been set up as per DERC (Guidelines for establishment of the Forum and the Ombudsman for redressal of grievances of Electricity Consumers) Regulations, 2024 for registration of Consumers Grievances as per details below:

ICGRC Touch Points:

Nodal Officer	BRPL	BYPL
Level I Officer :	Mr. Sudarshan Bhattacharjee (Senior Manager)	Mr. K Jagatheesh (General Manager)
Contact No. :	011-4910-7924	011- 4124 9250
Level II Officer :	Mr. Digbijay Majhi (General Manager)	Mr. Sanjeev Agrawal (Assistant Vice President)
Email :	brpl.icgrc@relianceada.com	bypl.icgrc@relianceada.com
Web site :	https://icgrcbrpl.bsesdelhi.com	https://byplws1.bsesdelhi.com/bypl_icgrc
Help Desk :	BSES Bhawan, BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd., 1st Floor, Block C,Nehru Place, New Delhi -110019	Ground Floor, BSES Corporate Annexe, Opp. Unity One Mall, CBD-III, Karkardooma,Shahdara,Delhi-110032.
Helpline :	19123 (Toll free)	19122 (Toll free)

In case any grievance is not resolved within 15 working days from registration date OR consumer/ applicant is dissatisfied with the resolution provided, the consumer / applicant can escalate the matter to the Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum (CGRF) through the ICGRC portal.

A user friendly manual both in English and Hindi for guidance of the electricity consumers is available on ICRGC web site and **https://www.bsesdelhi.com/web/brpl/icgrc-manual**

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Regd. Off. : BSES Rajdhani Power Limited, BSES Bhawan, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019 / CIN No.: U40109DL2001PLC111527
Toll Free No. 19123 / Fax No. : 011 39999890
Website : www.bsesdelhi.com

Regd. Off. : BSES Yamuna Power Limited, Shakti Kiran Building, Karkardooma, Delhi-110032 / CIN No.: U74899DL2001PLC111525
Toll Free No. : 19122 Fax No. : 011 30813598
Website : www.bsesdelhi.com

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM
UPSTDC
Parytan Bhawan, C-13, Vipin Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010
Ph : 0522-2308916, Website: www.upstdc.co.in, mail : md@upstdc.co.in

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR SELECTION OF AN AGENCY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF WATER SPORTS AND ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES AT MAHA KUMBH 2025, PRAYAGRAJ

UPSTDC Ltd, invites e-Bids for the **"SELECTION OF AN AGENCY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATIONS OF WATER SPORTS AND ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES AT MAHA KUMBH 2025, PRAYAGRAJ".** Interested parties may download the RFP document from the e-tender website www.etender.up.nic.in from **04.12.2024, 12:00 Noon** onwards and submit their proposal on e-tender portal latest by **11.12.2024 at 12:00 Noon.** The detailed document can be downloaded from the e-tender portal www.etender.up.nic.in along with the schedule. For any queries contact-9415609464.

Note: UPSTDC Ltd, reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals without assigning any reason thereof.

MANAGING DIRECTOR

CSIR – CENTRAL ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING RESEARCH INSTITUTE
Pilani (Rajasthan) – 333031

RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited for filling up the following posts in CSIR-CEERI

S. No.	Name & Group of Posts	Qualification Degree	Number of Vacancy	Mode of Recruitment	Level & Pay
1.	Scientist, Group - A	M.E./ M.Tech.	33	Direct Recruitment (DR)	Level-11 (Rs.67700-208700)

The last date of receipt of online application is **07.01.2025.** For detailed advertisement, eligibility criteria i.e. qualifications and experience etc., visit our website – **www.ceeri.res.in**

Controller of Administration

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identification Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in (Contact No 96461-23955)

Tender Inquiry No. 254/TLC/PTA/2024-25 **Dated :** 03/12/2024

SE/TL Circle, PSPCL Officer's Flat No. 11, Shakti Vihar, Patiala invites E-tender for 66 KV SC on DC tower Line from 220 KV S/S Ablowal (Patiala) to 66 KV S/S Rakhra For detailed NIT & Tender specifications please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 03/12/2024 from 6.00 PM onwards.

Note : Corrigendum and addendum if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

C904/24, DPR/Pb.:76155/12/3706/2023/39774

कार्यालय जोधपुर विकास प्राधिकरण, जोधपुर

क्रमांक :- राजकाज 12124937 दिनांक :- 29/11/2024

ई-बिड सूचना संख्या:- जोन उत्तर-एबी,सी/07/24-25

जोधपुर विकास प्राधिकरण, जोधपुर की ओर से सिविल कार्यो हेतु संवेदकों से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ई–प्रोक्युरमेन्ट प्रक्रिया से सिविल कार्यों हेतु ऑन लाईन बिड आमंत्रित की गई है। इन कार्यो की अनुमानित लागत, बिड बेचे जाने तथा प्राप्त करने की दिनांक, बिड शर्ते आदि का सम्पूर्ण विवरण वेबसाईट **http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, www.jodhpurjda.org, www.sppp.raj.nic.in** पर देखा जा सकता है।

NIB CODE :- JOD2425A0129

Tender ID/UBN No. :- JOD2425WSOB00272 to 277

राज.संवाद/सी/24/8571 अधिशाषी अभियंता (उत्तर-एबी, सी)

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice

E-Tender No.: PUPRYJ-DYCSTEPI-2-2024 **Dated: 28.11.2024**

Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer/Project, North Central Railway Project Unit-I, Prayagraj for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-Tender from reputed contractors/JV firms with adequate experience and financial capability, for the following work on **Two Packet System** up to **15.00** hrs. on the opening date of E-tender mentioned therein. If date of opening is declared a holiday or offer could not be opened due to Technical issue, the offers shall be opened on the next working day. The details of the Tender are as under:

(1) Name of work: Appointment of Project Supervision Services Agency (PSSA) for Providing Project Supervision Services for the various projects under PCSTE/NCR. (2) Estimated cost of Project Supervision Services (in figures and words): ₹ **59730592.08** (Rupees Five Crore Ninety Seven Lakh Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Ninety two and zero eight paisa only). **(3) Estimated period for completion of services: 24 months of Construction Period (4) Bid Due Date and time:** By [11.00 hrs] (IST) on [<06.01.2025>]. **(5) Physical submission/ retention/ production of all documents uploaded by the Bidder:** As per Clause 2.2.1 and/or Clause 2.3. **(6) Date and Time of Opening of Bid:** At [11.00 hrs] (IST) on the (Bid Due Date). **(7) Mode of tendering: Single stage two packet (open). (8) Consortium/Joint Venture:** Allowed for tenders valuing more than 10 cr. **(9) Mode of submission of Bids:** Online submission on e-Procurement Portal. **(10) e-Procurement Portal: www.ireps.gov.in. (11) RFP document Fee:** [NIL]. **(12) Bid Security: ₹ 448700** (Rupees Four Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred), **(13) Important updates and information can be seen GOOGLE DRIVE LINK: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1aHxmxtfYc23n9E7yUiNWcXM6JaK-dFeb. (14) Pre Bid meeting:** Meeting Topic: VC regarding PSS NCRPU Pre Bid meeting. Meeting number: 25138127087, When: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 4.00 PM (3 hrs) India Standard Time GMT + 05.30 **https://railnet1.webex.com/railnet1/j.php?MTID=m01229c650713f7522b63447d7c84bf7b**, Password 12345

Tenderers who wish to participate in tenders invited on **www.ireps.gov.in** have to register on the website mandatorily. Please refer to website for more details. Tenderers can submit EMD only through online mode. Online payment of Bid security can be made through net banking debit/credit card etc. Further, particulars can be obtained from Indian Railway website **www.ireps.gov.in.**

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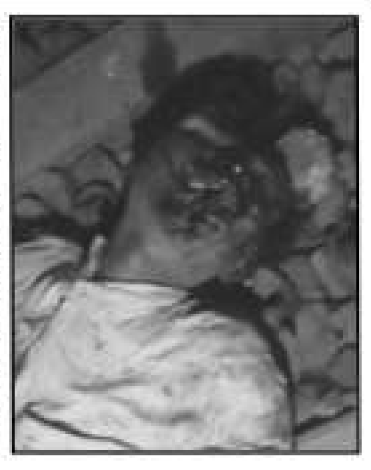
APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male Namely Unknown **S/o** Unknown, **R/o** Unknown, **Age:** About 30-35 years, **Height:** 5'5", **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Medium, **ID:** The Head is torn and the Brain has comes out, **Wearing:** Body is Stripped in Different positions, Legs are crushed White Coloured Shirt and Blue Coloured Jeans, was found dead on 27.11.2024 from Near K.M Pole No. 16/21-16/23, Upline, Near Kirari Fatak Railway Line, Nangloi. The Dead Body has been preserved in Token No. 347/24 Dated 28.11.2024 at 3 PM in Subzi Mandi Mortuary for post Mortem and Identification. In this regard a **DD No.58A dated 27.11.2024 u/s 194 BNSS** has been lodged at P.S. Sarai Rohilla Railway Station, Delhi.

If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

SHO
P.S. Sarai Rohilla Railway Station, Delhi
Ph. No.: 011-28711697
Mob.: 8750871308

DP/15781/RLY/2024

UJVN Ltd.

(An Uttarakhand Govt. Enterprises)
H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephones: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508
CIN No.U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website:www.ujvnl.com

RO No. 1068 Date: 02.12.2024

e-Tender Notice (Short term)

Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil-Maintenance), Vyasi Project, Dakpathar, invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below :

e-Tender No. & Name of work: 13/2024-25/EE(C-M)Vyasi Project, , "Providing & Installation of Rock fall Barrier & Slope stabilization work on hill slope behind Intake Structure/ Control Room at Dam site of Vyasi HEP".

Estimated cost : Rs. 19856176.00 (GST extra)

Date of availability of bid document on website: 03.12.2024 From 17:00 Hrs.

Last date for submission of bids on website: 17.12.2024 Upto 17:00 Hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal **https://uktenders.gov.in**" **Executive Engineer (Civil-Maintenance)**

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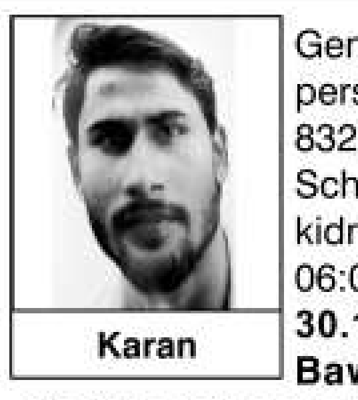
SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



Karan

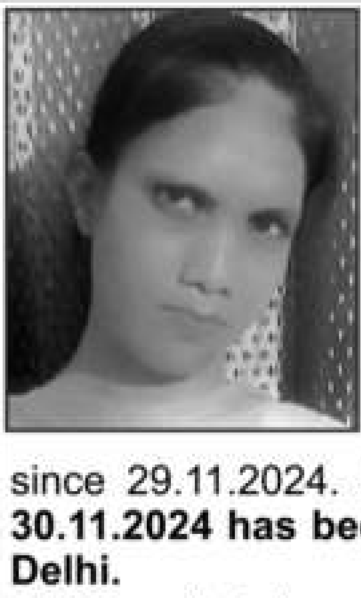
General public is hereby informed that a male person namely **Karan , S/o:** Vinod Kumar **R/o** 832/154 Subhash Ka Makan Near Arihant School Pooth Khurd, **Delhi** has been missing/ kidnapped from his home since 30.11.2024 at 06:00 Am In this regard, a **FIR No 43A, Dt. 30.11.2024** has been registered at **P.S.: Bawana, Delhi.** The description of the missing male person as under.

Age: 19 years, **Height:** 5'8" **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:**Long, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Black Colour Jacket, Blue Colour Jeans & Black Colour Shoes in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. Any person is having information or clue about this missing male person may kindly inform to the following.

Ph. No. 011-24368638, 24368641
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax No. 011-24368639
DP/15835/ON/2024

S.H.O
PS: Bawana, Delhi
Ph No. 011-27751949

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General public is hereby informed that one female namely **Sahiba** D/o Hedar Ali **R/o:** S-53/19, Gandhi Camp, Sriniwaspuri, New Delhi **Age:** 22 years, **Height:** 5', **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Thin, wearing Green colour Suit Salwar, White colour Jacket and Blue colour Slipper in feet, has been missing/kidnapped from her house since 29.11.2024. In this regard a **DD No. 38A, dated 30.11.2024 has been lodged at P.S. Amar Colony, New Delhi.**

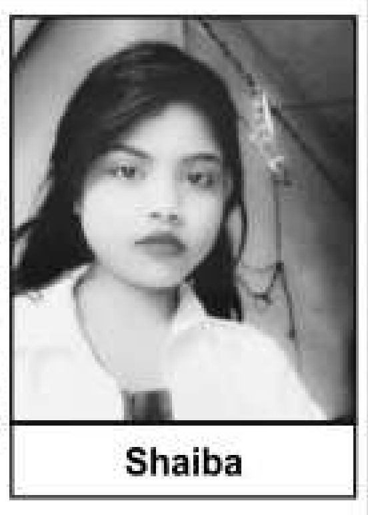
Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the female but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

Website : http://cbi.nic.in
E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO
P.S. Amar Colony,
New Delhi

DP/15885/SE/2024 Ph. No.: 011-26412194, 8750870931

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL



Shaiba

General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely Shaiba **D/o** Shamsher Khan **R/o** B-166, Sec-1, Bawana, Delhi **Aged**- 19 Years has been reported missing since 30.11.2024 at about 2 PM from Bawana Industrial Area vide **DD No.45A Dated 01.12.2024** registered at Police Station Bawana, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Complexion: Fair, **Height:** 5', **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Clothing:** Black Coloured Suit-Palazzo and Red Coloured Slipper in feet.

If anyone gets any information or clue about the missing girl, please contact the below mentioned :-

SHO, Bawana, Delhi
Tel.: 011-27751949
7065036321

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Fax: 24368639
Tel.: 24368638/24368641

DP/15839/ON/2024

बिहार सरकार

बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम,लि0 पटना

(बिहार सरकार का उपक्रम)

राष्ट्रीय स्पर्द्धा ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं0–39/2024–25

1 विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता : मुख्य महाप्रबंधक, बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि0, अस्पताल रोड, शास्त्रीनगर, पटना–800023
2 निविदा आमंत्रण की तिथि : दिनांक: 29.11.2024
3 निविदा कागजात प्राप्त (डाउनलोड) करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक: 23.12.2024 से 13.01.2025 को 15:00 बजे तक।
4 निविदा जमा (अपलोड) करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक: 14.01.2025 के 15:00 बजे तक।
5 निविदा बिक्री का स्थान : केवल वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर
6 प्री–बीड मीटिंग की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान : दिनांक–30.12.2024 को 16:00 बजे संबंधित उप महाप्रबंधक के कार्यालय कक्ष में।
7 प्री–बीड मीटिंग की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान : दिनांक: 31.12.2024 को 16:00 बजे, मुख्य महाप्रबंधक, बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि0, अस्पताल रोड, शास्त्रीनगर, पटना–23
8 निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय (टेकनीकल बीड) : दिनांक: 15.01.2025 को 15.00 बजे।
9 निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय (वित्तीय बीड) : तकनीकी मूल्यांकन के बाद।
10 निविदा वैद्यता की तिथि : 120 दिन
11 कार्य का विवरण :

क्र0	जिला का नाम	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (अनुसूचित एवं गैर अनुसूचित) (₹) में	अग्रधन की राशि (₹ में)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (अप्रत्यर्पणीय) (₹में)	Bid Processing Fee	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि (माह में)	उप महाप्रबंधक का नाम
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	मधुबनी	मधुबनी जिलान्तर्गत मधुबनी शहर में अवस्थित पुराना स्टेडियम के खेल अवसंरचना का निर्माण कार्य।	₹20,05,00,000.00	₹30,05,000.00	₹10,000.00	As per website	15 (पंद्रह)	दरभंगा

विस्तृत जानकारी state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar पर देखी जा सकती है।

PR- 013787 (B & C) 2024-25

नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

मुख्य महाप्रबंधक,
बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि0, पटना।

जाहिरात क्र. ३/१००३ दिनांक ०३/१२/२०२४

Pune Municipal Corporation- Health Department

Tender Cell Department

Tender Advertisement

Sr.	Particulars	Date
1.	Tender Form Sale Period	04/12/2024
2.	Tender Form Receiving Period	30/12/2024
3.	Bid Submission End Date	30/12/2024
4.	Tender Opening Date	31/12/2024

Tender No.	Department Name	Name of Work	Tender Fees	B1/B2	EMD Amt.	Period of Work	Contact Person Mobile No.
PMC/ Health/ CMS/2024-25	Health	A complete relocation of Physiotherapy ward along with design and Erection of Modular Pre-Post surgery complex along with MGPS and Curtain partitions to be created in connection with modular CSSD and OT complex as per pre- Approved design (turnkey project)	29,679/-	B2		7 Months	Rahul Namdev Vadgaye 9881190696

Note:- Pre- Bid meeting on 12-12-2024 Time:-11.00 AM
Place:- Medical officer of Health, PMC Building, Pune-5

Sd/-
Dr.Sanjeev Wavare
Asst.Medical Officer of Health
Pune Municipal Corporation

Sd/-
Dr. Nina Borade
Medical Officer of Health
Pune Municipal Corporation

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001
CIN : U40109PB2010SGC033813 Website : www.pspcl.in
GVK Power (Goindwal Sahib) Limited
Regd. Office: Plot No. 10, Paigah Colony, Sardar Patel Road, Secunderabad-500003, Telangana, India CIN : U40109TG1997PLC028483
(A wholly owned subsidiary of Guru Amar Das Thermal Power Limited, GATPL)
(A step down wholly owned subsidiary of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, PSPCL)

Dept-HOD, CIVIL GATP, Goindwal Sahib, invites E-Tender for the work of :

1 **Tender Enquiry No. 006**/GATP/CIVIL/50007064 dated 03/12/2024 "FOR HORTICULTURE SERVICES." at 2X270 MW Guru Amardas Thermal Plant (GATP), Goindwal Sahib, Distt.: Tarn Taran, Punjab as per details given in the tender specifications for a period of One year'

For detailed NIT & tender specifications, please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from 03/12/2024 from 17:00 Hrs onwards.

Note : Corrigendum and addendum, if any, will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

GATP-05/24, DPR/Pb. : 76155/12/3710/2023/39787

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

T. Notice No. 230-Elect/TRD/PRYJ/E-Tender Notice/2024/543 Date 29.11.2024

E-Tender Notice

Sr. Divl. Electrical Engineer/TRD/N. C. Rly/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite the following E-Tender, the details of the tenders is as under:-

T. No.: 230-TRD- WC-934-2024	**Completion Period** :03 years
Description of work: Annual Maintenance Contract of Cummins make Diesel Engines of Tower wagons of Prayagraj Division consisting of 'B', 'C' & 'D' Checks and Breakdown maintenance for a period of three years	
Advertised value :₹ 8,35,59,535.36	**Bid Security:** ₹ 567800.00
Bidding system : Single Packet	**Tender Closing date & Time** :23.12.2024 & 14.00 Hrs
Tender Opening date & Time :23.12.2024 & 15.00 Hrs	
Allocation : 07042232	**UWID No.**

Note:- 1. The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders shall be available on Website **www.ireps.gov.in** 21days prior to the date of opening of the tender. **2.** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate. **3.** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. **2067/24(DG)**

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PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001
CIN : U40109PB2010SGC033813 Website : www.pspcl.in
GVK Power (Goindwal Sahib) Limited
Regd. Office: Plot No. 10, Paigah Colony, Sardar Patel Road, Secunderabad-500003, Telangana, India CIN : U40109TG1997PLC028483
(A wholly owned subsidiary of Guru Amar Das Thermal Power Limited, GATPL)
(A step down wholly owned subsidiary of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, PSPCL)

Dept-HOD, IT GATP, Goindwal Sahib, invites E-Tender for the work of :

1 **Tender Enquiry No. 005**/GATP/IT/50007076 dated 03/12/2024 "FOR SAP SERVICES." at 2X270 MW Guru Amardas Thermal Plant (GATP), Goindwal Sahib, Distt.: Tarn Taran, Punjab as per details given in the tender specifications for a period of One year

For detailed NIT & tender specifications, please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from 03/12/2024 from 17:00 Hrs onwards.

Note : Corrigendum and addendum, if any, will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

GATP-04/24, DPR/Pb. : 76155/12/3709/2023/39786

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender No. PRYJ-Sig-033-2024-25 Dated: 29.11.2024

E-TENDER NOTICE

Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Co-ordination/ North Central Railway/ Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite **E-TENDER** on prescribed form for the following works up to **12:00 hrs**. on the opening date of E-tender mentioned therein. **The details of the Tender is as under:-**

S.N.	Tender No.	Name of Work	
1	033	Comprehensive AMC of true colour boards [M/s IDDS make] at Kanpur Central station for two years.	
	Approx. Cost of work : 40,96,585.42/-		
	Bid Security : 81,900/-		**Cost of Tender Form :** 0.00
	Date of Closing of tender : 26.12.2024		**Completion Period :** 24 Months
2	**Availability of tender form**	Tender forms are available on **www.ireps.gov.in** 21 days prior to date of opening of the tender.	
3	**Time, date & place of opening of tender**	Tender will be opened through E-tender at office of Divisional Railway Manager, Prayagraj on or after pre-determined date at **12:30 hours**. In case tender opening date happens to be holiday, Tenders will be opened on the next working day.	

North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @ CPRONCR **2073/24 (ADM)**

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office : PSEB H.O. Building, The Mall, Patiala-147001
Corporate Identification Number (CIN) : U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in Contact NO. 96461-18773

TENDER ENQUIRY No. : QQ-1335/PO/C&S dt 02.12.2024

Chief Purchase Officer/MM, Central Purchase Organization, PSPCL, 2nd Floor, Multistorey Building, The Mall, Patiala, invites e-Tender for procurement of 4Cx16 sq.mm-860KM LT XLPE insulated, PVC sheathed, Aluminium Conductor, unarmoured cable, ISI marked as per tender specification no. QQ-1335/PO/C&S dated 02.12.2024. For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 02.12.2024 (05:00 PM) onwards.

NOTE : Corrigendum and addendum if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

C905/24, DPR/Pb.:76155/12/3707/2023/39775

POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF UTTARAKHAND LTD.

(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Enterprise)
Office of Chief Engineer (O&M), Kumaon Zone, 220KV S/s, Campus, Kamaluaganja, Haldwani-263139
Corporate ID U40101UR2004SGC028675 Phone No. 7088117917

E-Tender Time Extension Notice-1

Due to unavoidable circumstances the date of submission of following E-Tender has been extended upto **13.12.2024, 17:00 Hrs.**

1. CE (O and M)/PTCUL/HLD/49/2024-25, (TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_77757_1)

2. CE (O and M)/PTCUL/HLD/51/2024-25, (TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_77759_1)

For more details please visit E-Tender Website ***www.uktenders.gov.in*** and E-Tender time extension notice is available at PTCUL Website ***www.ptcul.org***. All other terms and conditions of the above tenders will remain same. For any assistance on E-Tendering, please contact +91-8899890000.

Letter No.: 2681/CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/E-Tender
Date : 02.12.2024 "Save Electricity in the Interest of Nation"

Chief Engineer (O&M)
Kumaon Zone, PTCUL, Haldwani

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Publication of Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/35/2024
Dated: 27-11-2024

Sl.No	Item of Work	Approx. Value
1	Construction of 2 lane ROB in lieu of LC No.58 (Manned) at Km:95/850 with 1x30m Composite Girder with 23x18.71m PSC girder (Nittur end) + 8x18.71m PSC girder (Harnahalli end) + RCC retaining wall (Approach Span) and Construction of limited high sub-way of size 5.5x2.5m between Nittur-Gubbi Stations. (COMPOSITE WORK). **(Tender Ref. No. : ASK-TK-ROB-LC-58)**	**Rs. 39,32,34,417/-**
2	Construction of 2 lane ROB in lieu of LC No.46 (Manned) at Km:78/340 with 1x42m Bow String Girder in Mallasandra Yard and construction of Limited Height Subway of size 5.5x2.5m between Tumkuru-Mallasandra stations (Composite Work) **(Tender Ref. No. : ASK-TK-ROB-LC-46)**	**Rs. 20,59,28,705/-**

Last date for submission of bids:**Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 20-12-2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

PUB/606/AAF/PRB/SWR/2024-25 **Deputy Chief Engineer/Construction/Works/Bengaluru Cantonment**

South Western Railway - SWR | SWRRLY | SWRRLY

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Corporate ID U40101UR2004SGC028675 Phone No. 7088117917

E-TENDER NOTICE

Power Transmission Corporation of Uttarakhand Limited invites E-Tender of following work and the last date of submission of e-bid (Online/Offline) is **23/12/2024 upto 17:00 Hrs.**

1. Supply, installation, testing, commissioning of 33KV Circuit Breakers at 132KV S/s, Jaspur under 220KV O&M Division, PTCUL, Mahuakheraganj against **E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/61/2024-25, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_78458_1).**

2. Replacement of 01 No. 220 Volt DC, 500 AH, VRLA battery bank (1st) with new battery bank at 220KV S/s, Mahuakheraganj under 220KV O&M Division, PTCUL, Mahuakheraganj against **E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/62/2024-25, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_78460_1).**

3. Replacement of 145KV CVT at 132KV S/s, Jaspur under 220KV O&M Division, PTCUL, Mahuakheraganj against **E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/63/2024-25, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_78464_1).**

4. Assistance in carrying out miscellaneous routine works for preventive maintenance of 400KV D/C Kashipur-Moradabad line and 400KV Kashipur-Nehtaur line under 400KV O&M Division, PTCUL, Kashipur against **E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/64/2024-25, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_78469_1).**

5. Annual maintenance contract for maintenance assistance in carrying out of routine works for preventive and conditional based maintenance of 400/220/132KV S/s, Kashipur under 400KV O&M Division, PTCUL, Kashipur against **E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/65/2024-25, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_78471_1).**

For more details please visit E-Tender Website ***www.uktenders.gov.in*** and E-Tender information is available at PTCUL Website ***www.ptcul.org***. For any assistance on E-Tendering, please contact +91-8899890000.

Letter No.: 2688/CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/E-Tender
Date : 03.12.2024 "Save Electricity in the Interest of Nation"

Chief Engineer (O&M)
Kumaon Zone, PTCUL, Haldwani

UJVN LTD.

H.O.: 'UJJWAL', Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone: 0135 - 2763808, Fax 0135-2763508
CIN No. : U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website : www.ujvnl.com

Letter No.1070 **e-Tender Notice** Dated 02.12.2024

Office of the Dy. General Manager (Civil), UJVN Limited, Munsyari, Pithoragarh, invites online bids for construction of Sirkari Bhyol Rupsiabagar HEP (3X40 MW), Munsyari from interested parties. Brief summary of tenders are given below:-

Tender No. (Package-I): 01/DGM(Civil)/SBR/2024-25
Tender No. (Package-II): 02/DGM(Civil)/SBR/2024-25
Tender No. (Package-III): 03/DGM(Civil)/SBR/2024-25
Name of work (Pac-I):.Construction of Coffer dam, Barrage, intake and its appurtenant works including river diversion works & associated project roads and bridges etc
Name of work (Pac-II): Construction of Feeder tunnel, Desander, HRT, SFT, surge shaft, valve house ,adits and its appurtenant works& associated project roads.
Name of work (Pac-III): Construction of underground Power House Building, Tail Race tunnel, Switch yard and other associated work of Power House site, Adits , MAT, vertical pressure shaft & steel liner including branch tunnel & associated project roads.
Estimated Cost (Pac-I): Rs 88.63 Crore (Plus GST Extra)
Estimated Cost (Pac-II): Rs 112.67 Crore (Plus GST Extra)
Estimated Cost (Pac-III): Rs 134.58 Crore (Plus GST Extra)
Date of availability of bid document on website: 14.12.2024 from 17:00 Hrs onwards
Last date for submission of bid on website: 14.01.2025 up to 16:00 Hrs
For full & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "**http://uktenders.gov.in**".

DGM (Civil), Munsyari

"Avoid Wasteful use of Electricity"

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

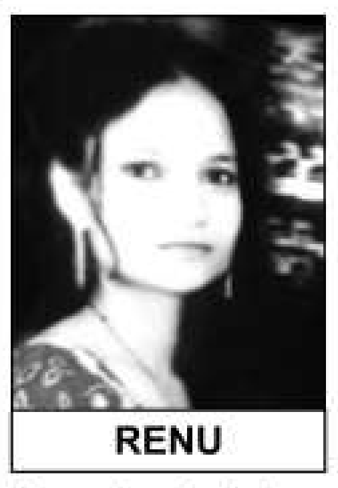
(SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person(s) **Yogesh Bhatia S/o Pravin Bhatia R/o H. No. 14, BLKA, Kirti Nagar, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in Case FIR No./CC No. **1026/18 U/s 138 NI Act, PS Prashant Vihar, Distt. Rohini, Delhi** and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) **Yogesh Bhatia** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) **Yogesh Bhatia** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) **Yogesh Bhatia** of Case FIR No./CC No. **1026 U/s 138 NI Act, PS Prashant Vihar, Distt. Rohini, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated **04.01.2025 at 10:00 AM.**

By Order
Sh. Rohit Kumar
Ld. Metropolitan Magistrate-04
Room No. 110, 1st Floor,
Rohini District Courts, Delhi

DP/15891/RD/2024
(Court Matter)

SEARCH FOR MISSING



RENU

General Public is hereby informed that one Girl (depicted in the photo) namely **RENU D/o** Vijay Singh, **R/o:** Plot No.-1, Kh. No.-2/3/4, Z-Block, Kashmiri Colony Paprawat, Najafgarh, New Delhi, **Age**-19 Yrs, has been reported missing since 18.11.2024 from her Residence vide, **DD No. 6A, Dated 19.11.2024,** registered at **Police Station Chhawla, New Delhi.**

Her physical description is as under:

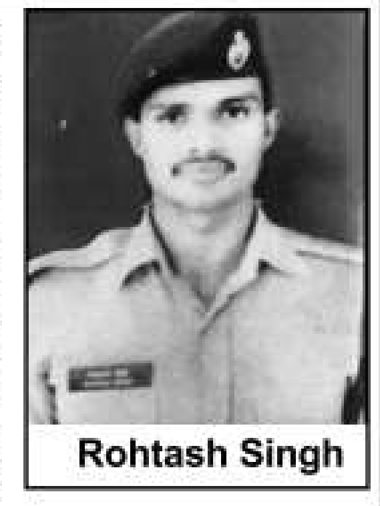
Sex: Female, **Complexion:** Fair, **Height:** 5'0", **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Green Colour Suit & Salwar.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing girl, please inform to the following.

SHO,
Police Station Chhawla,
New Delhi,
Ph. 8750871631

Website: https://cbi.nic.in
DP/15904/DW/2024

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



Rohtash Singh

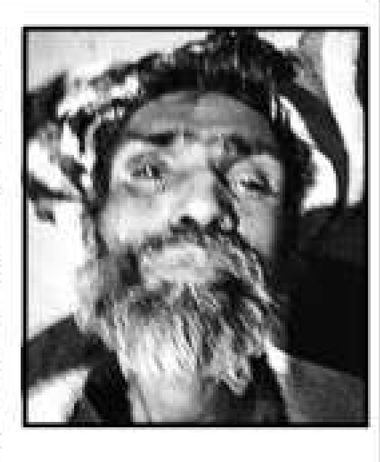
General public is hereby informed that one male **Rohtash Singh s/o Pratap Singh** Who is Working in CISF Unit CGO Complex Delhi present Address- Shastri Park, Barrack of CISF Unit DMRC Permanent Address- Vill. Gahalv, Tehsil. Hatin, Distt- Palwal Haryana, has been missing/kidnapped from the area PS Lodhi Colony, since: 07.11.2024. In this regard, a case **DD/FIR No.77A, dated. 07.11.2024 has been Registerd at P.S: Lodhi Colony, Delhi.** The description of the missing male is as under.

Age: 34 years, **Height:** 5'9", **Complexion:** Fair, **Built:** Normal, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Light Pink color Shirt and Gray color Pant and black color shoes in feet.Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing/kidnapped male then please inform **P.S. Lodhi Colony, Delhi** at following Tel No./ e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: http://cbi.nic.in,providing clue about the person.

Ph: 011-24368638,24368641
Fax No. 011- 24368639
DP/15101/SD/2024

Sd/-S.H.O.
Lodhi Colony, Delhi
Tel No.8750870829

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that one unidentified dead body of male Namely: Sanjay, S/o: Om Prakash, R/o: WZ-607, Raj Nagar part-1 Palam Colony, New Delhi, Age: about 46 years, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Shallow, Built: thin, Face: Oval, Wearing: grey colour pant, Black shirt, green colour jacket, blue sport cut shoes, tattoo on the right hand who was found dead in front of central bank of India, near shamshan bhumi manglapuri road Delhi. In this regard a case FIR/DD No.87A, U/s 194 BNSS dt. **24.11.2024** has been registered at **PS: Palam village, Delhi**

Any person having any information or clue about the above deceased may kindly inform the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

Sd/- SHO
Palam Village, Delhi
Ph. 7065036227

DP/15671/SW/2024

TENDER NOTICE

1. NCC group HQ, Cuttack (Odisha Directorate) invites sealed tenders for procurement of clothing and accoutrements for Odisha NCC Contingent participating in Republic day camp - 2025
2. Tender Documents for Technical and Commercial bidding be fwd in separate envelop along with terms and conditions and details of items can be obtained from Odisha Directorate website (**nccorissa.org**) and also from the office of 7 Odisha Battalion NCC, Bhadrak. A non-refundable tender cost Rs.1,000/- only by DD to OIC Kitting (RDC), 7 Odisha Battalion NCC, Bhadrak, payable at Bhadrak, should be enclosed with the Tender Documents. The last date of submission of Tender at NCC Group HQ, Cuttack, is on or before 1630 hrs on **06 Dec 2024** Tender will be opened by a Board of Officer at NCC Group HQ, Cuttack, at 1100 hrs on **07 Dec 2024** for any query please contact Commanding Officer, 7 Odisha Battalion NCC Mob No. 7875261402

Sd/-
Administrative Officer
NCC Group HQ, Cuttack
Mob: 8146051880

Only Maha CM, 2 dy CMs set to take oath tomorrow

'Other Mantris To Be Sworn In After Power Pact Sealed'

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The CM-designate and the two deputy CMs (the other being Ajit Pawar) will also meet the governor CP Radhakrishnan on Wednesday and stake claim to form govt. A Sena functionary said only the CM and two deputy CMs are likely to take oath on Thursday and a wider cabinet will come in only once the final power-sharing formula is decided. "So far, no decision has been taken on portfolios, including the home portfolio (which Shinde has been demanding). Those discussions are ongoing and will only be concluded after govt formation," the Sena functionary said.

Sena also wants to retain all the nine ministries it held earlier, including the industries and urban development portfolios.

NCP's Ajit Pawar, who is still in New Delhi, was not present for the Shinde-Fadnavis meeting. Shinde had said the power-sharing formula (barring the CM's post) would be decided in a meeting of the three Mahayuti netas. However, Fadnavis's meeting is seen as all-important as it came just a day before election of BJP's legislative party functionary and the swearing-in of the Mahayuti govt on Thursday. The meeting lasted around 45 minutes.

Earlier in the day, BJP's Girish Mahajan met Shinde and Sena's Uday Samant met Fadnavis at the latter's Sagar residence. Samant took a dig at BJP, saying the Sena learnt about the Dec 5 swearing-in of the Mahayuti govt from the state BJP chief Chandrashekhar Bawankule's post on X. Sena's Gulabrao Patil too reiterated his party wanted Shinde to become CM at least till the local body polls or to get the DCM's post with the home portfolio.

On Tuesday afternoon, Shinde drove to Jupiter Hospital in Thane for medical tests. "He has been complaining of fever and throat infection and was being treated at home for the last two days by a physician from the hospital. He decided to undergo a few tests, including a CT scan, on Tuesday, following which he was driven to Jupiter Hospital," a close relative told **TOI**. Shinde, who seemed calm and unruffled while at the hospital, responded to media queries on his health, saying he was "all okay" before he left for Mumbai. Mahajan said he met Shinde also late on Monday and is said to have updated him about the swearing-in ceremony preparations at Azad Maidan.

(*Inputs from Manoj Badgeri*)

Aniruddhasingh Dinore

BJP supporters offered puja at a temple on Tuesday, praying for return of Fadnavis as Maharashtra CM. Discussions on portfolios are ongoing and would only be concluded after govt formation, a Shiv Sena functionary said

Senior NCP netas camping in Delhi to bargain for cabinet berths equalling Shiv Sena's tally

Senior NCP members are camping in Delhi to bargain for a considerable share for the party in the Maharashtra cabinet, looking to equal the number that Shiv Sena gets in Mahayuti's second term, reports **Anurag Bende.** NCP chief Ajit Pawar, party's state president Sunil Tatkare, and other senior members have been in Delhi for the last couple of days, waiting to meet Union home minister Amit Shah to discuss the cabinet formation.

While NCP got the least seats among the Mahayuti partners, the party is pressing for the same number of posts as Shiv Sena. "Though Shiv Sena won more seats, NCP wants an equal number of cabinet posts along with the Sena. While deputy CM's post for Ajit Pawar is confirmed, the party wants to accommodate more of its members in the cabinet. Senior members have travelled to Delhi to discuss the possibilities," a senior BJP member said.

Called off ballot poll due to police nudge: Villagers

Pune: The mock polling planned on ballot paper in Solapur's Markadwadi was cancelled at the eleventh hour on Tuesday. Villagers alleged police pressured them to call off the exercise, reports **Anurag Bende**. Solapur police registered a case against at least 200 people, including 17 villagers of Markadwadi, for violating prohibitory orders, spreading mistrust against the election process, and attempting to conduct a re-poll on ballot paper when there is no such provision.

The exercise was to be held in the village to challenge the actual count of votes cast by the village through EVMs on Nov 20. The administration had already denied them permission but MVA supporters from the village had announced they would go ahead.

MPCC president Nana Patole Tuesday said Solapur district administration refused to allow the mock ballot paper voting in Markadwadi village because they feared the EC's flaws would be exposed.

11 Jharkhand mantris to take oath tomorrow

Ranchi: Eleven ministers and pro-tem speaker Stephen Marandi will be sworn in at Jharkhand Raj Bhavan on Thursday with CM Hemant Soren deciding to expand his cabinet ahead of the maiden session of the sixth Jharkhand Vidhan Sabha, which will commence on Dec 5, reports **Dhritiman Ray**.

On Tuesday, Jharkhand Raj Bhavan secretariat confirmed that govt has requested governor Santosh Gangwar's presence for the swearing-in ceremony.

According to JMM and Congress sources, the alliance will pick its ministers as per its previous formula. While JMM will have six ministers (including Hemant), four ministers will take oath from the Congress quota, while RJD will have one minister. JMM will also hold on to the assembly speaker's post.

EC replies to Cong concerns on Maha voters' list, turnout

New Delhi: A Congress delegation raised concerns with Election Commission on Tuesday over alleged anomalies in updation of electoral rolls and post-poll surge in electoral turnout in Maharashtra elections, leading the poll panel to respond with a point-by-point clarification on all the doubts expressed by the opposition party, report **Bharti Jain** & **Ambika Pandit**.

The Congress delegation, comprising Rajya Sabha MP Abhishek Singhvi and Maharashtra unit chief Nana Patole, called for transparency to quell all doubts and sought raw data at the booth and constituency level from EC to ascertain facts. Key concerns raised by Congress were "large-scale additions and deletions of voters", "unusual" gap in voter turnout between end of polling hours at 5 pm and end of polling day as also final turnout and the growth in votes cast as compared to LS poll across 118 constituencies, of which 102 saw victory of the Mahayuti candidate.

After the meeting, Singhvi said the Congress delegation brought to the commission's notice "deletion of lakhs of voters" from the voter lists.

In its response, EC is learnt to have pointed out that additions to the voter list were commensurate with the normal population growth of 2%, with a large component being new electors in the 18-19 year age group. On claims of "unusually high deletions", CEC Rajiv Kumar is said to have clarified that there were no more than 2,000-3,000 deletions on an average in most assembly constituencies, many of which were on account of dead voters. The Congress delegation was also reminded that the draft electoral roll was available for scrutiny by all parties before the polls. "Why were these objections not raised then?" the delegation was asked and nudged to do so in Delhi where the roll is being updated ahead of polls early next year.

On the surge in voter turnout, EC reiterated that turnout figures were not available real-time as EVMs had no external connectivity. The gap in turnout was on account of procedural formalities as presiding officers must attend to statutory duties near close of poll at 5 pm before updating voter turnout data on EC app. In fact, EC now releases updated voter turnout figures at 11.45 pm on polling day, which is also not final.

BJP all set to elect legislative party chief in Maha today

Mumbai: The state BJP is all geared up to elect its legislative leader, who will be the new CM of Maharashtra. Central observers Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman and former Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani arrived on Tuesday evening in Mumbai. Rupani, before leaving for Mumbai, said the CM will be from BJP. "BJP secured the highest number of seats. Besides, Shinde has already announced he will have no problem if the CM is from BJP," Rupani told mediapersons, reports **Clara Lewis**.

On Wednesday, the party's core committee will meet at 10 am along with the central observers at Vidhan Bhavan. The legislative meeting will commence in Vidhan Bhavan Central Hall at 11 am. Rupani said the state legislative body will unanimously elect the party's chief in the legislature. The name will be communicated to the central leadership and then publicly announced.

BJP office-bearers said that after the party's legislative chief is elected, the functionaries of three parties in Mahayuti will go to Raj Bhavan and stake claim to form govt. BJP, though it secured 132 MLAs — highest number in the state and within Mahayuti — will be last to elect its legislative party chief. Both Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawar's NCP elected their legislative chiefs immediately after assembly results. Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis is frontrunner for party chief's post and, if selected, will be the state CM for the third time.

'At Shah meeting, Shinde asked to be made CM for at least first 6 months'

Prafulla.Marpakwar@timesofindia.com

Mumbai: Offering a climbdown from his demand of being allowed to continue as the head of the Mahayuti govt, Sena chief Eknath Shinde asked BJP brass at a meeting with Union home minister Amit Shah in Delhi last week that if it wasn't possible to give him the post for govt's full term, he should be made the CM for at least the first six months, a veteran politician has revealed. But BJP leadership rejected this proposal outright, saying it would set a bad precedent, he said.

"There is no system of appointing a CM for six months; it would be a bad decision and would have an adverse impact on the administration," he said, citing BJP functionaries.

The meeting was held on Nov 28 a day after Shinde said he would not be an obstacle to formation of govt and would accept any decision taken by BJP brass as "final". It was also attended by BJP functionary Devendra Fadnavis, NCP president Ajit Pawar, its working president Praful Patel and its state chief Sunil Tatkare.

According to the politician, Shinde initially reminded BJP brass of the purported promise made after the Lok Sabha election and in the run-up to the assembly polls that if the alliance secured a clear majority, he would be retained as the chief minister. This request was rejected outright on the grounds that it would be wrong to give him the post when BJP secured "a near clear majority" in the 288-member House. BJP won 132 seats, Sena 57 and NCP 41. In 2014, BJP had secured 122 seats and Fadnavis was then elected as CM with NCP's outside support.

In response, Shinde was asked to put himself in the shoes of the BJP president, the politician said. "The BJP leadership told Shinde: 'Will you give up the claim to the CM post if you secured a clear majority?' Shinde was left speechless," he said.

Shinde reportedly began advocating for himself strongly since the assembly poll results but Fadnavis had made it clear there was no scope for him to be made the chief minister again. The politician said no call has been taken on how big the cabinet will be. It may be decided after BJP's legislature party meeting on Wednesday.

Shinde had left for his native village in Satara a day after the Delhi meeting owing to ill health and returned to Mumbai on Sunday. On his return, he reiterated that he would support any decision BJP brass takes on the next CM and that he, Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar would meet and resolve "a lot of issues regarding power sharing".

PTI

Sena chief Eknath Shinde leaves after his check-up at a hospital on Tuesday. He had been complaining of fever and throat infection, a close relative said

7.8% polling after 5pm not a surge, equals avg turnout: CEO data

Mumbai: While the opposition has alleged major discrepancies in Maharashtra election, raising questions over the 7.8% polling after 5pm, latest data from state chief electoral office shows there was no dramatic surge, reports **Priyanka Kakodkar**. The polling was slow initially as only 6.6% voted in the first two hours. Then 11.5% of the registered electors voted between 9 and 11am and 14% between 11am and 1pm. Then another 13.3% voted between 1 and 3pm. So, the 7.8% polling from 5pm till the end of the polling — voting continues after the 6pm deadline because the last person who is standing in the queue till that time is allowed to vote.

"The percentage increase in voting after 5pm is in tune with the progress of voting during the day. There is no surge," state chief electoral officer S Chockalingam told **TOI**. "It is a normal growth. If we compare it with the 2019 assembly elections and even with the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, the trend is similar," said Chockalingam. "The numbers are as per the historical trend and as per the day's trend," he added.

Explaining lower discrepancies with Jharkhand voting data till the end of polling, Chockalingam said, "In Jharkhand, polling is up to 5pm while in Maharashtra, it is up to 6pm. In Jharkhand, people rise early and prefer to vote early in the day. In Maharashtra, due to higher urbanisation, people tend to vote in the latter part of the day."

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L.No.- MCS/Interview/2024-25/3349 Date 03/Dec/2024

Walk-in-Interview
(Specialist and Super Specialist)

A ***walk-in interview*** for the recruitment of ***Specialist Faculty Members*** as well as ***Super-Specialist Faculty Members*** on a contractual basis will be conducted under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Uttarakhand Medical Education University. The interview will take place at the Administrative Block, Veer Chandra Singh Garhwali Government Medical College, Srinagar (Garhwal), Uttarakhand, on ***Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 11:00 AM***.

Details regarding the vacant positions in the respective departments can be found on the college website: [www.vcsgsrinagar.org] (http://www.vcsgsrinagar.org).

Principal
VCSGGIMS&R
Srinagar (Garhwal)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
OFFICE OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER
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Advt.No. F.No.01/01/2023/MEPZ Authority Date: 29.11.2024

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Applications are invited from the citizens of India for the position of 'Project Engineer' on purely contractual basis:

Details of qualifications, experience, application etc. given in **www.mepz.gov.in** may be referred.

The Last date for sending the duly complied application is 30 days from the date of publications of this advertisement. Applications not received in the format or received after the last date or found incomplete will not be considered.

Any addendum/reddendum/corrigendum, if any, shall be posted on our website only. For details please visit **www.mepz.gov.in**

S. E. RAILWAY — TENDER

For and on behalf of The President of India, DRM/Engg/CKP invites e-Tenders for the following works : **Tender Notice No., Name of Work, Tender Value & EMD** are as follows: **(1) CKP-SOUTH-24-25-39.** Ballast dressing, cess cleaning, and other miscellaneous work for upkeep and tidiness of railway track Under ADEN/CBSA in the jurisdiction of DEN(South)/CKP, ₹1,26,68,148.33/-, ₹2,13,400.00/-. **(2) CKP-SOUTH-24-25-40.** Ballast dressing, cess cleaning, and other miscellaneous work for upkeep and tidiness of railway track Under ADEN/DPS in the jurisdiction of DEN(South)/CKP, ₹1,67,69,865.35/-, ₹2,33,900.00/-. **Cost of Tender Form & Date of Opening for the above : NIL, 23.12.2024.** Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. The tender can be viewed at Website **http://www.ireps.gov.in** The tenderer/ bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be registered under on IREPS Portal. Only registered tenderer/bidder can participate on e-tendering. All relevant paper must be uploaded at the time of participating e-tendering. **Note : e-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost to all tenderers. (Authority– Rly. Bd.'s letter No. 2020/CE-I/CT/3E/GCC/Policy, dtd. 16.07.2020).** **(PR-864)**

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Publication of E-Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/36/2024 Dated: 28-11-2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Londa-Miraj Section - Balance works of proposed construction of ROB at Km. 607/893 in lieu of LC No. 381, 1x54m Bow-string Girder (Railway Portion)+ 12x18m PSC Girder & CC block as approaches between Desur and Belagavi stations (Composite Work) **(Tender Ref. No.: LD-MRJ-ROB-LC-381)**	**Rs. 30,38,21,009/-**

Date of closing of Tender is :
Upto 15:00 hrs on 23-12-2024
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Deputy Chief Engineer/Construction/Works
Bengaluru Cantonment
PUB/608/AAF/PRB/SWR/2024-25
South Western Railway - SWR | SWRRLY | SWRRLY

राष्ट्रीय मात्स्यिकी विकास बोर्ड
National Fisheries Development Board
NFDB
मत्स्यपालन विभाग/Department of Fisheries
मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्रालय /Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying
भारत सरकार /Government of India
स्तम्भ संख्या-235, पी.वी.एन.आर एक्सप्रेस वे, डाक-एस.वी.पी.एन.पी. ए. हैदराबाद- 500052
Pillar No: 235, PVNR Expressway, SVPNPA Post, Hyderabad-500 052
फ़ोन/ Phone No. 040- 24000201; फैक्स/ Fax No: 040-2401 5568; मेल/ Mail: info.nfdb@nic.in

A-12.0015.0/1/2024-Budg_acc Date: 04-12-2024

WALK IN INTERVIEW NOTIFICATION

Walk-in-Interview will be held at 09:30 AM on 17.10.2024 mentioned below for engaging consultants on contractual basis:

Sl. No.	Division	Name of the Position	No. of Post	Place of Posting
1	Technical	Consultant Grade-I	01	NFDB, Hyderabad
2	Insurance	Consultant Grade-I	01	
3	AAH&QTL	Senior Technical Officer (STO)	02	
4	Hindi	Consultant Grade-I	01	
5	FIDF	Monitoring Assistant	01	Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, New Delhi

For details/eligibility criteria for the post and application proforma; please visit NFDB's website i.e. http://nfdb.gov.in.

(Sd/-)
Senior Executive (F&A)

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पत्रांक - वाई.ई.ए/OSD(M)/2024/177 दिनांक: 02.12.2024

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु केन्द्र सरकार/राज्य सरकार/केन्द्र शासित/अर्द्धशासिक/सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों के कार्यों का कम से कम चार वर्ष का अनुभव रखने वाले ठेकेदारों/फर्मों से ई–निविदायें आमन्त्रित की जाती है। ई–प्रीक्योरमेंटसोल्यूशन द्वारा निविदायें द्विस्तरीय पद्धति से खोली जायेंगी।

कार्यालय आदेश संख्या : पत्रांक – वाई.ई.ए/OSD(M)/2024/176 दिनांक: 02.12.2024 के अनुपालन में यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण की कार्यों में संविदाकार द्वारा बिल ऑफ क्वान्टिटी (बी.ओ.क्यू.) पर डाले गये 10 प्रतिशत कम दरों तक 0.5 प्रतिशत प्रति एक प्रतिशत कम दर पर तथा उसके पश्चात 10 प्रतिशत से अधिक कम दरों पर 1.00 प्रतिशत प्रति एक प्रतिशत कम दर पर सिक्योरिटी/परफॉर्मेन्स गारन्टी प्राप्त की जायेगी तथा परफॉर्मेन्स गारन्टी एफ.डी.आर./सी.डी.आर./बैंक गारन्टी/एन.एस.सी. के रूप में न्यूनतम संविदाकार द्वारा अनुबन्ध गठन से पूर्व देनी होगी, जो कार्य के अन्तिम बीजक होने के बाद वापिस होगी।

क्रम सं.	कार्य का नाम/वर्क सर्किल	अनुमानित लागत
1	External & Internal Electrification work of ELV work (CCTV and video conferencing), HVAC & BMS work) & pumps Allied equipment's for comman infrastructure facilities (CSF-01), (plot no-F-13), sector-28 YEIDA. (WC-E&M-02)	रु. 211.40 लाख
2	Internal services of ELV work (CCTV only) HVAC work & BMS system for CSF-03 (Plot no-10) sector-28 YEIDA. (WC-E&M-02)	रु. 119.92 लाख

जिन्हें दिनांक 06.12.2024 से 20.12.2024 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई–निविदाओं की प्री–क्वालीफिकेशन दिनांक 24.12.2024 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे खोली जायेगी।

1. निविदा प्रपत्र उत्तर प्रदेश इलैक्ट्रानिक्स कारपोरेशन की वेबसाइट **http://etender.up.nic.in** पर देखे जा सकते है। इच्छुक ठेकेदारों से अनुरोध है कि वे नियमित रुप से उक्त वेबसाइटों को देखते रहें क्योंकि निविदाओं के सम्बन्ध में कोई बदलाव अथवा अतिरिक्त सूचना वेबसाइट पर ही उपलब्ध करायी जायेगी।

विशेष कार्याधिकारी (एम.)

यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण के अधिसूचित क्षेत्र में प्राधिकरण द्वारा स्वीकृत मास्टर प्लॉन के अतिरिक्त प्लॉटिंग / हाउसिंग / कॉलोनी या किसी भी प्रकार का अन्य निर्माण पूरी तरह से अवैध है। सामान्यजन इस प्रकार की खरीदफोख्त से पूर्णतः सचेत रहें तथा कॉलोनाइजर के भ्रामक विज्ञापनों से बचें। अधिक जानकारी के लिए प्राधिकरण की वेबसाइट **www.yamunaexpresswayauthority.com** देखें।

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ODISHA POWER GENERATION CORPORATION LIMITED
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

OPGC invites sealed bids from bonafide and financially sound Registered Agencies /Firms /Companies for execution of the following Works & Supplies for its Thermal Power Plant at Banharpali.

Works Tenders: NIT No. ITPS/CC-22/2024-25/10, Date: 04/12/2024

SL.No	DESCRIPTION		BID SALE DATE
1	Two Year Service Contract for application of insulation & cladding sheet Service for Boiler & TG, OPGC-II.		07.12.24 to 21.12.24
2	Replacement of Fire Fighting 300/250/200/150 NB pipe at different locations Inside the plant area under CAPEX project of FY 2024-25.		07.12.24 to 21.12.24
3	Extension of HCSD pipeline at Ash Pond, Tilia of U#3&4		07.12.24 to 21.12.24
4	Safety punch points of Ash conveying line maintenance, AHP, Unit #3&4.		07.12.24 to 21.12.24
5	Construction of Boundary wall Kalyan mandap of Telenpali Village		10.12.24 to 23.12.24
6	Construction of Community Centre at Nuapada village		11.12.24 to 23.12.24
7	Supply of Manpower, Machinery for cleaning, housekeeping at Ash Handling System & AWRS system of OPGC-II and Ash rake loading for period of one year.		16.12.24 to 08.01.25
8	Servicing of C&S LT breaker during AOH U#3.		12.12.24 to 03.01.25
9	Servicing of BHEL HT breaker during AOH U#3.		12.12.24 to 03.01.25
10	Painting of CMT, Learning Center & C-Type block near learning Center at ITPS Colony		10.12.24 to 24.12.24
11	Construction of Maintenance Shed and Bike Stand at CHP-2		11.12.24 to 26.12.24
12	Construction of Balance Ironite flooring in Power House of Unit #3&4.		13.12.24 to 27.12.24
13	Construction of Balance Ironite flooring in TPs,Crusher House & some BOP buildings for Unit 3&4.		14.12.24 to 28.12.24
14	Construction of balance plant Roads & Strom water drain for Unit #3&4.		16.12.24 to 02.01.25
15	Construction of balance sanitary & Plumbing works in Toilets in BOP area of Unit # 3&4.		18.12.24 to 03.01.25
Supply Tenders:			
1	Alloy steel plate for boiler pressure parts	ITPS/PUR/24-25/64	05.12.24 to 23.12.24
2	Erosion Protection Shield for Boiler Pressure Parts for AOH of Unit#3	ITPS/PUR/24-25/67	05.12.24 to 23.12.24
3	Procurement of level transmitter	ITPS/PUR/24-25/68	10.12.24 to 30.12.24
4	Procurement of ESP Spares for 660MW OPGC-II	ITPS/PUR/24-25/69	05.12.24 to 24.12.24
5	Procurement of HCSD Pump Suction Strainer Assembly & Elements	ITPS/PUR/24-25/70	10.12.24 to 26.12.24

The detailed NITs along with Terms and Conditions are available for download at OPGC website at **www.opgc.co.in**. Addenda/Corrigenda/ Extensions, if any, will be notified on the OPGC website only and will not be published in any other media. Interested companies or entities may visit OPGC website for the tender timeline and other details.

S K Mohanty
GM–Contracts
OIPR-04067/11/0012/24-25

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Bid Identification No. 1000/EM/BDA **Date: 02.12.2024**

Engineer Member, BDA on behalf of Bhubaneswar Development Authority, Bhubaneswar invites following item rate bids in double cover system in **ONLINE MODE** from eligible bidders as mentioned below:

Sr.	Particulars	Details
1.	Name of work	"Selection of Consultancy Firm for Preparation of DPR for Various CDP Roads within Bhubaneswar Development Plan Area (BDPA)"
2.	Cost of Bid Documents	INR 10,000.00+ 18% GST = INR 11,800.00 (Online Mode)
3.	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	INR 5,00,000.00 **(Online Mode)**
4.	Availability of Tender	From 03.12.2024 to 05.00 PM of 24.12.2024
5.	Last date and time of submission of Tender	5.00 PM of 24.12.2024
6.	Date and time of opening of Tender	11.00 AM of 27.12.2024
7.	Place of opening of Tender	O/o - Engineer Member, BDA, Bhubaneswar

Further details can be seen from the website: **https://tendersodisha.gov.in.** Any addendum / corrigendum/cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/- **Engineer Member**
BDA, Bhubaneswar
OIPR-13033/11/0191/24-25

Office of Superintending Engineer PWD, Bulandshahar Circle, Bulandshahar
Short Term E-Procurement-Inviting Tenders

No. 8461 /96M/E-TENDER/BSR CIRCLE/2024-25 Dated 25.11.2024

On behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Superintending Engineer Bulandshahr Circle, U.P.P.W.D., Bulandshahr invites following percentage rate bid online through http://etender.up.nic.in from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with P.W.D. class as per column no. 10 below category as applied from Date 05.12.2024 to 11.12.2024 upto 12:00 Noon as per the prescribed T-2 of Govt. of U.P. The technical bids will be opened online on dated 11.12.2024 at 12:30 P.M. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened online on the next working day, at the same time any validity of bid will be considered from the original date. The date and time of opening of the financial bid shall be notified on the website.

Sl. No	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs. in Lakh)	Bid Security (Rs. in Lakh)	Time of Completion work including rainy season	Tender document fee including GST (In Rs.)	Address of Executive Engineer executing the work	Address of Superintending Engineer	Address of Chief Engineer	Category (Road)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	General Repair work of NH-58 Duhai to Patla Niwadi Marg via Navipur Sultanpur Dindhar Khimavati (upto Tikri Rajwaha Right Side) under Renewal	271.19	15.56	12 Month	Tender Cost Rs. 300 + 2000 + 18% G.S.T. Rs. 414.00 = 2714.00	CD-2 PWD Ghaziabad	Bulandshahar Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahar	Chief Engineer Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	A
2	General Repair work of Modinagar - Niwadi Road to Suhana Nagal Pul Gyaspur, Rawali, Nekpur Marg Km. 1, 2(500), 3, 4 under Renewal	46.08	4.30	9 Month	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	A,B,C
3	General Repair work of Kalchhina road to NH-24 via Abalpur (Rajwaha Patri) Marg under Renewal	131.02	8.55	9 Month	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	A,B
4	General Repair work of NH-58 Duhai to NH-24 Dasna via Matiyala Marg under Renewal	77.33	5.87	5 Month	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	A,B
5	General Repair work of Manauli to Chhajjupur, Husainpur, Milak Rawali, Amipur, Garhi, Kumheda, Bhaneda marg Km. 2(680), 3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11, 12,13(380) under Renewal	167.05	10.35	9 Month	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	A,B
6	General Repair work of NH-58 to Mikal Chakarpur via Sarna Khurrampur Sultanpur Marg under Renewal	139.96	9.00	9 Month	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	A,B
7	General Repair work of NH-58 to NH-24 Kalchhina to Bhojpur Pilkhuwa via Amrala road under Renewal	66.39	5.32	5 Month	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	A,B
8	General Repair work of Duhari Abalpur road under Renewal	129.60	8.48	9 Month	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	A,B

1. Time allowed for completion of Whole work is mention in col. No. 5 with including rainy season. 2. The Bid Security and Tender Document fee must be deposited through Internet Banking only. 3. For the above works, it is mandatory to carry out maintenance work for five years from the date of completion of the work. 4. All registered contractors have to upload Turnover certified by C.A. of last 5 years and details of maximum cost work satisfactorily completed in last 5 years on Chanakya Software before submission of tender. Details of e-tender uploaded on http://etender.up.nic.in shall also be uploaded on UP PWD Chanakya software, before last date & time of submission of bid. 5. Terms & other conditions related to bid are available on http://etender.up.nic.in 6. While executing the work, it will be mandatory for the contractor to ensure compliance with all the safety measures related to Covid-19 issued by the Uttar Pradesh government. 7. In PWD technical evaluation of tenders is to be done by Prahari Software URL for Prahari is http://wms.uppwd.gov.in/Prahari/.

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Bulandshahar

FORM-19
[Sub-rule (1) of rule 27]
PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION BY APPROPRIATE GOVERMENT/COLLECTOR
[UNDER SUB-SECTION (1) OF SECTION 19 OF THE ACT]

GOVERMENT OF UTTAR PRADESH
IRRIGATION AND WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, UTTAR PRADESH

NOTIFICATION NO. 1412/VIII- S.L.A.O/Amroha DATE ...20.02.2024

NOTIFICATION

Whereas Preliminary notification no. 1218/VIII- S.L.A.O/Amroha/2023 dated 02.02.2023 was issued Under Sub-section (1) of section 11 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Rehabilatation and Resettlement Act,2013, in respect of a total of 0.311 hectare of land is required in the Village Chakgulamambia, Pargana – Hasanpur, Tehsil – Hasanpur, District- Amroha is required for public purpose, namely, project MADHYA GANGA CANAL PHASE 2nd through IRRIGATION AND WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, UTTAR PRADESH, THROUGH EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MADHYA GANGA CANAL CONSTRUCTION DIV-13, GARHMUKTESHWAR (Name of Acquiring body) and lastly published on dated 11.02.2023 The Deputy Collector / Assistant Collector Amroha was appointed as Administrator for the purpose of rehabilitation and resettlement of the project affected families.

After considering the report of the Collector submitted in pursuance to provision under sub section (2) of the section 15 of the Act, the Governor is pleased to declare under section 19(1) of the Act that he is satisfied that the area of the land mentioned in the given schedule 'A' is needed for public purpose and the land to be extent in Village –Dhabarsi Pargana- Hasanpur, Tehsil- Hasanpur, District – Amroha, as given in schedule 'B' has been identied as the Rehabiliation and Resettlement area for the purpose of Rehabiliation and Resettlement of the displaced families.

The Governor is further pleased under sub section (2) of section 19 of the Act, to divert the Collector of AMROHA to publish a summary of the Rehabilition and Resettlement scheme with publication of the Declaration to this effect. The summary of the Rehabiliation and Resettlement scheme is attached herewith.

SCHEDULE A
(LAND UNDER PROPOSED ACQUISTION)

DISTRICT	TEHSIL	PARGANA	VILLAGE	PLOT NO.	AREA TO BE ACQUIRED (IN HECT.)
1	2	3	4	5	6
Amroha	Hasanpur	Hasanpur	Chakgulamambia	35	0.150
				36	0.040
				37	0.031
				38	0.031
				39	0.028
				40	0.031
				GRAND TOTAL	0.311

NOTIFICATION OF DECLARATION BY COLLECTOR
{UNDER SUB SECTION (2) OF SECTION 19 OF THE ACT}

By the Order of Declaration made under Government notification no. .... dated ....for 0.311 hectare of land is required in the Village Chakgulamambia Pargana–Hasanpur, Tehsil – Hasanpur, District-Amroha is required for public purpose, namely, project MADHYA GANGA CANAL PHASE 2nd through IRRIGATION AND WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, UTTAR PRADESH, THROUGH EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MADHYA GANGA CANAL CONSTRUCTION DIV-13, GARHMUKTESHWAR (Name of Acquiring body) and I hereby Published the declaration made therein and summary of Rehabilitation and Resettlement scheme along with Government notification. A summary of the Rehabiliation and Resettlement scheme is given below:-

....

The plan of land may be inspected in the office of the Collector AMROHA for the purpose of Acquisition.

By Order
(...)
Collector

UPID-223194/02.12.2024 www.upgov.nic.in

Was lured by ₹90cr land deal offer: Suspect to cops

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Police said Arjun confessed that he betrayed Manjesh after Sanjay offered him Rs 10 crore from an upcoming land deal worth Rs 90 crore.

Dehradun SSP Ajai Singh said, "The murder was planned at Sachin's house on Friday. After killing Manjesh, the accused took his car keys and a gold chain but abandoned the vehicle as neither of them could drive." All four accused were produced before local court and have now been sent to jail.

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER & BASIN MANAGER
SUBARNAREKHA & BUDHABALANGA BASIN
AT/PO:- LAXMIPOSI, DIST:- MAYURBHANJ
Mail Id. cebmsbb2019@gmail.com
Government of Odisha "e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE
Bid Identification No. 03/ 24-25 of CEBM, SBB, Laxmiposi

1.	Name of Work	Strengthening of the bank in the Vulnerable zone of filling section of Paunsia Distributary & its Sub-minors from RD 00m to RD 12756m including structural works for link channels of Paunsia S/M & Kanhimauli S/M along with service road of Paunsia Distributary from RD 00M to RD 2985m & Kanjikula S/M from RD 1200m to RD 2585M.
2.	Estimated Cost	Rs. 968.81 Lakh
3.	Bid Security/ E.M.D.	Rs. 9,68,810/-
4.	Period of Completion	18 (Eighteen) Calendar Months
5.	Class of Contractor	"A" Class and "Special" Class
6.	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	10.12.2024 at 10.00 A.M.
7.	Last date/time for receipt of bid in the portal	30.12.2024 up to 5.00 P.M.
8.	Date of opening of bid	31.12.2024 at 11:00 A.M.
9.	Name & Address of the O.I. T	Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, O/O the CE&BM, Subarnarekha & Budhabalanga Basin, Laxmiposi, Mayurbhanj.

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal **"https://tendersodisha.gov.in"**.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer & Basin Manager
Subarnarekha & Budhabalanga Basin
Laxmiposi, Mayurbhanj
OIPR-32429/11/0003/24-25

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT
"CORRIGENDUM No. 01"
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Tender Notice 02/2024-25
Identification No LPTP/Kurvande/02/2024-25/EOI

Name of work: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST DESTINATION AT TIGER & LION POINT ON PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AT KURVANDE TAL. MAVAL DIST. PUNE, MAHARASHTRA, INDIA

To
All the Bidders

Please note that the last date of submission of e-bids for the above named work is extended to 11/12/2024 up to 1800 hrs. The Technical Bids will be opened on 12/12/2024@16.00 hrs. in the office of the District Planning Officer, Pune. This communication is part and parcel of the bid document. The EOI Document is available on web site www.mahatenders.gov.in.

Bidders may seek clarification, if any, arising from the EOI and should submit their queries on the email celpmrda@gmail.com, as an alternative may also contact on cell phone of Superintending Engineer Mr Shivparasad Bagadi on number +91-9422196272

Date: 11/11/2024

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DISTRICT COLLECTOR OFFICE, PUNE

DGIPR/2024-2025/4856

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RE-Tender
(Notice Inviting E-Bids)

RE-Tender for Procurement, Rate Contract and Supply of Medical Furniture vide Tender No. BMSICL/2024-25/ME-389 for different Government Health Institution of Bihar.
Notice Inviting Tender No.-BMSICL/2024-25/ME-389
(Only through E- Tender on website:-www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)

The Bihar Medical Services and Infrastructure Corporation Limited, Patna invites e-bids from interested parties for Procurement, Rate Contract and Supply of Medical Furniture (i) wheel chair (2) Medicine Tray(3) Surgical Drum (4) Mayo Stand(5) Mortuary Table in different Government Health Institution of Bihar.

Tender Schedule

Tender Reference No.	**BMSICL/2024-25/ME-389**
Date of Pre- Bid Meeting	**04th December 2024** at 15:00 Hrs in Conference hall of BMSICL, 3rd Floor, Swasthya Bhawan, Behind IGIMS, Sheikhpura, Adjacent to State Health Society, Bihar. **All Pre-bid queries to be submitted through e-mail on bmsicltenderequipment@gmail.com upto 06th December2024 till 17:00 Hrs. (Note:- No Pre-bid queries would be entertained after the above mentioned dead line)**
date and time of submission of online bids	**26th December 2024** upto 17:00 Hrs.
Last date and time for submission of original documents of EMD (in the form of BG).	**27th December 2024** till 14:00 Hrs.
Date, Time and Place of opening of Technical Bid	**27th December2024** (at 15:00 Hrs.) on the website of **https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in** in the office of BMSICL
Date and time of opening of financial Bids	To be announced later on **https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in**
Validity of Tender	180 Days
Cost of the tender document	Rs.11,800/- (Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred only) Non- refundable.
Tender Processing Fee	Rs 590/- (on the website of **https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in**)

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No. 3279/Niyojan/13-269/2024 Date: 03.12.2024

Expression of Interest (EOI)/RFP

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India, vide notification no. 652 (E) dated 23-09-2021 (as amended from time to time has notified the processes for Recognition, Regulation and Control of Automated Testing Station, testing of fitness of vehicles through automated equipment and issue of fitness Certificate by Automated Testing Stations. As per the notification, the registration of Automated Testing Station is compulsory under rule 175 of Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.

Under notification no. 652 (E) dated 23-09-2021 (as amended from time-to-time) Expression of Interest/Applications are invited from willing operators (Individual Company/ Association/Body of Individuals Special Purpose Vehicles) to establish and operate Automated Testing Station at **Sub Region Kashipur (near Kashipur).**

Earnest Money deposit will be Rs 5,00,000/- (Five Lakhs) and Tender / Application processing fees will be Rs 5000/- (Five Thousand).

Major stages in the process of EOI and as follows:

1	Publications of invitation of Expression of Interest/Application	03-12-2024
2	Date & Time of Conference with willing Parties/Applicants	7-12-2024 at 3:00 pm
3	Start Date of Bid Submission	10-12-2024
4	Last Date & Time of submision of Expression of Interest/ Application	23-12-2024 by 3:00 pm
5	Opening of proposal received regarding establishment of Automated Testing Station	After deadline for submission of Expression of Interest Application.
6	Issue of Preliminary Registration certificate and subsequent process	As per Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989

The detailed description about Expression of Interest/ RFP, notification no. 652 (E), dated 23.09.2021, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India and conditions can be downloaded from website https://transport.uk.gov.in of the Transport Department.

Note: The fee prescribed under rule 188 of Central Motor Vehicles Rule, 1989 and Earnest Money Deposit will be submitted in the form of Bank Draft/ Bank Guarantee in the name of Transport Commissioner, Uttarakhand.

(Brijesh Kumar Sant)
Transport Commissioner,
Uttarakhand

Committed to engaging with China, says EAM

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S Jaishankar speaks in the Lok Sabha in New Delhi on Tuesday

While complimenting the defence and diplomatic wings for working in lock-step to ensure that India's national interests were preserved, Jaishankar also acknowledged the role played by improved border infrastructure that ensured effective counter-deployment.

On the wider border issue, Jaishankar said India remains committed to engaging with China to reach a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable framework for a boundary settlement.

On India's expectations from ties with China, the minister said that govt is clear that maintenance of peace and tranquillity in the border areas is a prerequisite for development of ties. "In all of this, we were and we remain very clear that the three key principles must be observed in all circumstances: both sides should strictly respect and observe the LAC, neither side should attempt to unilaterally alter the status quo, and agreements and understandings reached in the past must be fully abided by in their entirety," he said.

On the Oct 21 understanding, the minister said India's objective was to ensure patrolling, as in the past, to the relevant points, as well as resumption of access to grazing grounds by Indian civilians as per the long-standing practice. "This is indeed what we have agreed upon in regard to Depsang and Demchok," he said.

While concerns have been raised about buffer zones that were created to defuse the situation, Jaishankar said in a few other places where friction occurred in 2020, steps of a temporary and limited nature were worked out, based on local conditions, to obviate the possibility of further friction. "This, I must stress, applies to both sides and can be revisited as the situation demands. In that sense, our stance has been resolute and firm and serves our national interest fully," he said.

"The combination of a firm and principled stance on the situation in the border areas as well as our clearly articulated approach to the totality of our ties have been the foundation of our engagement with China for the last four years," added the minister.

According to Jaishankar, the situation in Depsang and Demchok pertained primarily to obstructions of long-standing Indian patrolling activity but in Demchok, there was also the question of access for nomadic Indian population to traditional grazing grounds, as well as to sites of significance to the local people.

"As a result of this recent understanding arrived at after intensive negotiations, resumption of patrolling to the traditional areas is under way. It was initially tested by sending out patrols for verification of disengagement on the ground and is being followed up by regular activities as per the agreed understanding," said the minister.

"The ensuring of our national security in this manner is the result of cumulative and coordinated endeavours of many parts of the govt, obviously centred around our defence and security forces. The competence and professionalism of our services in this period was displayed in our speedy and effective counter-deployment," he added.

Sengar plea to suspend term: HC seeks CBI view

New Delhi: Delhi HC on Tuesday requested CBI's response regarding expelled BJP functionary Kuldeep Singh Sengar's petition seeking suspension of his 10-year imprisonment on medical grounds, relating to the custodial death of the Unnao rape victim's father.

Single judge bench of Justice Manoj Kumar Ohri also directed prison authorities to submit a report detailing Sengar's health condition. The next hearing is set for Jan 13, 2025.

"Issue notice limited only to medical grounds," stated the court. TNN

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The Executive Engineer, K.R. Sagara Division, K.R.Sagara, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya Dist.on behalf of the Managing Director CNNL Bengaluru has invited tender through KPPP Portal www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in In the form of REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION format and the details are as here under.,

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1.	Development and Operation / Maintenance of Proposed upgradation of Cauvery Brindavan Garden under PPP at Krishna Rajasagara Dam, Srirangapatana Taluk, Mandya District/ call-2	2615.96/-	Four and Half years for Construction. 30 Years of O/M.	2.60/-

RFQ document fee is to be paid in the form of DD, in favour of the undersigned office. Any further information Or clarification for the above said work can be obtained from the undersigned office during the office hours & from the above said website.

Sd/-, Executive Engineer,
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Decision Doldrums? What Managers Should Do To Tackle It

By Rajorshi Ganguli

Examples of numerous emails floating around with scores of people copied, and yet the decisions not hitting the road are commonplace. This tendency can even extend to talent selection, where the search for the "perfect" hire results in missed chances to recruit capable candidates. Although caution underlies these behaviours, the resulting indecision can impede productivity, drain resources, and undermine trust in leadership's ability to drive progress. Here are key reasons why some managers struggle:

Fear of Failure and Accountability: The fear of repercussions often drives a need for excessive validation, double-checking, and postponement of decisions until certainty is achieved — a rarity in dynamic business settings. It's important to acknowledge that this fear is a common challenge in decision-making, and it's okay to feel this way.

Misplaced Prioritisation: Managers struggle to identify the most critical decisions without clear priorities, leading to indecisiveness or distraction by competing tasks.

Analysis—Paralysis: The rise of data-driven decision-making has resulted in an over-reliance on information, and some managers have become trapped in endless data collection. They seek conclusive evidence to justify their choices, leading to stagnation.

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Micromanagement: Managers scrutinising every detail or requiring frequent updates slow down projects and diminish their team's confidence and autonomy.

Avoidance of Conflict: Managers who avoid conflict or wish to maintain harmony may delay decisions to dodge potential disagreements. This disrupts decision-making and reflects poorly on leadership as employees seek direction.

Practising some effective strategies can help you come out of decision doldrums.

The "Good Enough" Principle: Managers should realise that not every decision needs to be perfect. They should focus on "good enough" decisions to advance goals without sacrificing quality. This approach encourages calculated risk-taking, facilitating momentum.

Focus on Core Objectives: Managers should ask, "How does this decision impact our key priorities?" Clear prioritisation narrows the focus, minimises distractions, and helps evaluate potential actions effectively.

Set Boundaries for Analysis: To avoid analysis-paralysis, managers should define data collection limits and set decision timelines. For instance, they could review only the most relevant metrics or do a "gut check" at a reasonable threshold. This can balance data-driven insights with intuition, enabling quicker, well-informed actions.

Decisive Leadership Style: While team input is valuable, over-reliance on consensus can cause delays. Managers should establish decision-making boundaries.

(The writer is president and global HR head, Alkem Laboratories)

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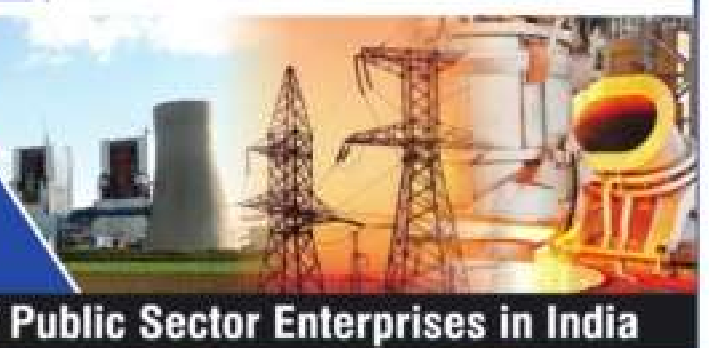

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‘Not just war but Iran and its jihadi proxies to blame for IMEEC delay’

It is Iran’s goal to disrupt businesses in all of West Asia, Israel’s visiting minister of economy & senior leader of governing Likud Party, **Nid Barkat**, *tells* **TOI**’*s* **Sachin Parashar**. *Excerpts from the interview:*

How confident are you that the ceasefire with Lebanon will hold, given that both sides are already accusing each other of violating it?

■ Hezbollah joined the war unfortunately and fired 25,000 rockets at Israel since Oct 8 last year. This was unacceptable to Israel. It became important to dismantle their terrorist infrastructure. We will react with a lot of force, if they violate the ceasefire. I think this is also an opportunity for the Lebanese people to free themselves from Hezbollah, the proxy of Iran. Beirut could become the Paris of the Middle-East. Unfortunately, the Lebanese people have so far not fulfilled that vision.

US and others are working for a ceasefire in Gaza too. Can we hope to see a similar truce in Gaza? Can India play a role in facilitating peace?

■ Lebanon is different from Gaza. The goal of the war from the Israeli side in Lebanon was to eliminate the Hezbollah threat and enable the 60,000 evicted Israeli citizens (from northern Israel) to return home. We are in the process of doing that. In Gaza, there are two major goals of the war. The first is to make sure Hamas doesn’t survive either militarily or in civil form. The second is to get the hostages back. We need to fulfil the goals of the war. There’s still work to do. If and when it’s possible to have a deal to get the hostages back, I’m sure the Israeli govt will consider it. India is a great partner for Israel. Let’s do more business. Let’s improve the economy and let’s create more win-win deals. We are very well aligned on political issues, and on the economic side, we have some work to do. We are very optimistic we can take that relationship between the govts and the people forward.

> “ **Iran tried to derail the peace process and relationship developing with Saudi Arabia. We would like to see Saudi Arabia join the Abraham Accords and expand peace**

> “ **India is a good friend of Israel. The fact that Modi on Oct 7 supported Israel is very meaningful for us. It will be a good opportunity to thank Modi and the people of India for their support. We don’t take it for granted**

TOI INTERVIEW

What about the delay in work on the India-Middle-East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC) that was seen even by Israel as an initiative that could change the face of West Asia?

■ The war may have delayed it but it was the goal of Iran and its jihadi proxies to destroy Israel and disrupt businesses in the region and all of West Asia. Our goal is exactly the opposite. We want to collaborate. Iran tried to derail the peace process and relationship developing with Saudi Arabia. We would like to see Saudi Arabia join the Abraham Accords and expand peace. Our goal is exactly the goal of India. To create more partnerships and have collaboration. People trying to delay it are the jihadi alliance of Iran and its proxies.

Are you ready to restart talks with Saudi Arabia for normalization of ties?

■ Most certainly, yes. I think it’s very clear that it’s in the best interests of both countries. We hear it again and again. Our friends in the US are saying so. Even here, our friends are talking about it. We have to finish the war and in parallel develop relationships with modern Arab states. It’s a classic win-win for West Asia.

Is the US indictment of Adani, whose company is working on the Haifa port, a concern for Israel?

■ This is not an issue for us. We welcome Adani and other players to invest in Israel.

What does the return of Trump mean for West Asia?

■ It’s going to be meaningful. Trump is aligning his economic power with his geopolitical strategy. I think that distinction is very clear and that’s how the Israeli govt also sees it. We have to align our interests against Iran which is the biggest destabiliser in West Asia and exp and relations with friends like India. I think it’s very smart and prudent if you can align economic issues, like tariffs and other things that he’s trying to do, with geo political challenges. It will be good for countries like India and Israel.

PM Netanyahu was expected to visit India last year before Oct 7 happened. Is the visit still on the cards?

■ My recommendation to him would be that this should be one of the first important trips he should undertake. India is a good friend of Israel. The fact that Modi on Oct 7 supported Israel is very meaningful for us. It will be a good opportunity to thank Modi and the people of India for their support. We don’t take it for granted.

Bhutan king to visit India tomorrow, will meet PM Modi

New Delhi: Bhutan king Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck will pay a day-long visit to India on Thursday, govt said in an official announcement. During the visit, the king will hold talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. External affairs minister S Jaishankar will also call on the king.

Significantly, the visit follows Chinese ambassador to India Xu Feihong’s visit to Thimphu last month.

> **China is keen to have formal diplomatic ties with Bhutan and has been pressing Thimphu for an early settlement of the boundary issue between the two countries**

China is keen to have formal diplomatic ties with Bhutan and has been pressing Thimphu for an early settlement of the boundary issue between the two countries. Bhutan, however, has been mindful of India’s security concerns, especially in Doklam area located at China-Bhutan-India tri-junction. While Bhutan is keen to resolve the boundary issue, it does not want to rush into any settlement that undermines India’s security. TNN

Good ties must be based on justice, equity: Yunus aide

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After Verma’s meeting with Bangladeshi acting foreign secretary Riaz Hamidullah, the former expressed India’s commitment to building a “constant, stable, and constructive” relationship with Bangladesh, noting the interdependencies between the two countries. He stressed India’s keenness to work with its neighbour to fulfill “shared aspirations” in the fields of peace, security and development.

Chief adviser Muhammad Yunus’s press secretary Shafiqul Alam affirmed Dhaka’s desire for good relations with New Delhi. He, however, added that “we believe that such good relations must be based on justice and equity”.

Bangladesh govt expressed “deep resentment” over the violent protests and attack on its diplomatic mission by Hindu Sangharsh Samity group in Agartala .

Bangladeshi foreign ministry condemned the attack and alleged desecration of Bangladesh’s national flag. “We have conveyed our concerns to India, and our foreign affairs ministry is taking appropriate diplomatic actions,” said Alam.

Bangla mission suspends services after mob attack

Agartala: Bangladesh assistant high commission (AHC) in Agartala indefinitely suspended Tuesday its visa and consular services citing security concerns, after Monday’s protest against atrocities on Hindus escalated into violence at the diplomatic mission, reports **Biswendu Bhattacharjee**.

Protests continued in Agartala, with former Union junior minister Pratima Bhowmik leading a march Tuesday demanding the release of Iskcon’s ex-priest Chinmoy Krishna Das Brahmachari.

Seven men have been arrested so far and were presented in court for police remand. Police have so far identified 13 men. State govt has also taken disciplinary action against Secretariat Security Force (SSF) assistant commandant Kanti Nath Ghosh and three sub-inspectors. They were suspended for dereliction of duty .

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At Mercy's Gates

Pardon survives as an act of grace, despite all the taints put on it by the powerful down history

He said he wouldn't do it but Biden did it. He has given his son, Hunter, a full pardon. But motivated presidential pardons are not at all new to US. Next up, Trump is likely to pardon those convicted in relation to the Jan 6 attack. Only if he also does a self-pardon will it be a first. It's a very different state of affairs in India. Presidents make news for how indulgent they have been with pardons, not how self-seeking. Pranab Mukherjee, for example, rejected 30 mercy petitions and pardoned four convicts while Pratibha Patil commuted 34 mercy pleas and rejected only five.

A look around the world shows that the pardon is not only a common part of constitutional schemes, its entanglement in political and business interests is widespread. Since its democratic reforms of 1987, South Korea has seen as many as four presidents pardoned. The count of chaebol scions and execs so favoured runs much longer. In Brazil presidential pardons are a Christmas tradition, rescuing an eclectic array, from prisoners in poor health to military personnel convicted of 'negligent excess'. It is understandable that critics have come to see the power to pardon as archaic, arbitrary and inequitable rather than 'an act of grace'.

Its philosophical roots, however, are deep and powerful. In the work of Hannah Arendt, forgiveness is a key political and legal aid for moving ahead after 'massive moral injury'. The issue is not innocence, but allowing all concerned to 'begin again'. Her interpreters see democratic transfer of power itself as based in an implicit act of pardon. When Gerald Ford pardoned Richard Nixon after the Watergate scandal as also when Jimmy Carter pardoned the Vietnam draft evaders, many contemporaries criticised the choices as unethical. But over the decades, they have come to be seen more as acts of national healing, allowing US, in Arendt's words, to 'begin again'.

Once, this was a power vested in monarchy, and in religion. Despite a history going back to antiquity, it's difficult to find any chapters minus the taint of corruption. In the 16th century Erasmus found himself tormented by the papacy flogging 'forged pardons for real sins'. That the concept lives on into the present should not only be seen from the cynical perspective. After all, the idea of mercy will never lose all its human and public purpose.

Jobs For Boys

Good that IIT-Bombay is reviewing student-led placement process, which has network bias

Allegations of bias against student-led placement offices in engineering and management colleges are not new. That's why IIT-Bombay's move to set up a faculty-led panel to review the placement process cannot be seen as simply responding to graduates' complaints. It may be one of the several reasons why this year, just 75% students from the premier institute were offered jobs, a new low, leaving 25% without placement, including a smattering that opted for further education. The lowest package at IIT-B placement in 2023, ₹6L pa, dipped to ₹4L pa this year. Ten IIT graduates had to settle for ₹4L-₹6L yearly salary. Yet, many of those 25% were snapped up effortlessly in their individual job hunt. Reason enough for management to concede to a process review. IIM-Kozhikode and BITS Pilani administrations will oversee placements.

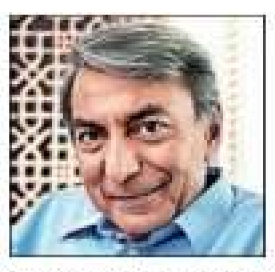
Given the cut-throat competition to get well-paying jobs in a not-so-hot jobs market, placement cells turn power centres. When placement cells are staffed by student big guns, flaunting privileges & networks alongside brains, a friends-&-followers filter can effortlessly get slipped in. After all, networking is survival – starting with that nursery admission. Mismatch during placements is likely one reason why for both employers and IIT interns, PPOs (pre-placement offers) are turning into a popular avenue to secure jobs. It's a safety net from possible manipulation during placements.

Every youngster who makes it to IIT has a gruelling teenage. Not just the smarts, they put their young lives on hold to follow brutal academic regimes at great cost, both financially and on mental health. To not then receive fair and equal treatment at the point of placements – the purpose of it all – not only impacts individual careers and futures but greatly damages institutional repute. Students have a right to transparent placement processes. IIT-B committee findings must be made public.

The great escape

The world might be all set to witness a new wave of international refugees and illegal migrants

Jug Suraiya



The world is bracing itself for an additional flood of refugees and illegal migrants seeking sanctuary from civil strife, despotism, and persecution.

In many parts of the world voices have been raised in sympathy and support of those escaping from what they perceive to be a clear and present danger if not to life, then certainly to liberty, never mind the pursuit of happiness.

To compound the crisis was the unpredicted suddenness with which it developed, catching not just the affected populace, but the whole wide world unprepared for what was to befall.

Unlike places such as Sudan, Ethiopia, and Afghanistan, which have long histories of conflict, dispossession, and poverty, the region that is now the source of desperate migration was not known to be susceptible to such vicissitudes as are countries which belong to what is dismissively written off as the Third World, a term which those with a bent for lavatorial jocularity term the Turd World.

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Indeed, the epicentre of the current upheaval had long been viewed as a destination of universal desire, a cornucopian land of milk and money where the grass was a greener shade of green than was to be found anywhere else on the planet. True, in this idyllic realm of bliss there were the occasional hiccups. For instance, there seemed to be a genetic predisposition in the make-up of elements within the general population which caused them to undergo a severe, often violent, reaction when exposed to those of a different skin pigmentation than themselves.

Despite such minor drawbacks, this hallowed domain remained the promised land for the poor, the huddled masses yearning to breathe free. Then a literally earth-shaking event caused a *reverse* flow of migration, initially into New Zealand, Australia, and Canada. But other countries, notably Mexico, could also soon be swamped by a human tsunami.

Meanwhile, a huge wall that had long been in the news, was being repurposed. Asked if it was meant to keep people out, its Chief Proponent exclaimed, "Heck, no! It's now gonna be used to stop people from running away, and keep them *in*…"

US: Big Bubble, So Big Trouble

For strategists, America isn't what it was. For investors, it's the world's hottest market, drawing 70% of global investment. But America is overhyped & overvalued. Something will end the party

Ruchir Sharma

Columnist based in New York

The idea of America as an exceptional nation, superior to its rivals and therefore destined to lead the world, now seems passé to most observers. In political, diplomatic and military circles, the talk is of an increasingly dysfunctional superpower, isolationist abroad and polarised at home. But in the investing world, the term "American exceptionalism" is hotter than ever.

United by faith in the inherent strength of US financial markets and their capacity to keep outperforming all other economies, global investors are committing more capital to a single country than ever before in modern history. The US stock market now floats above the rest, with relative prices at a record since data began over a century ago, and relative valuations at a peak since data began more than half a century ago.

As a result, US accounts for nearly 70% of the leading global stock index, up from 30% in the 1980s. And the dollar, by some measures, trades at a higher value than at any time since the developed world abandoned fixed exchange rates 50 years ago.

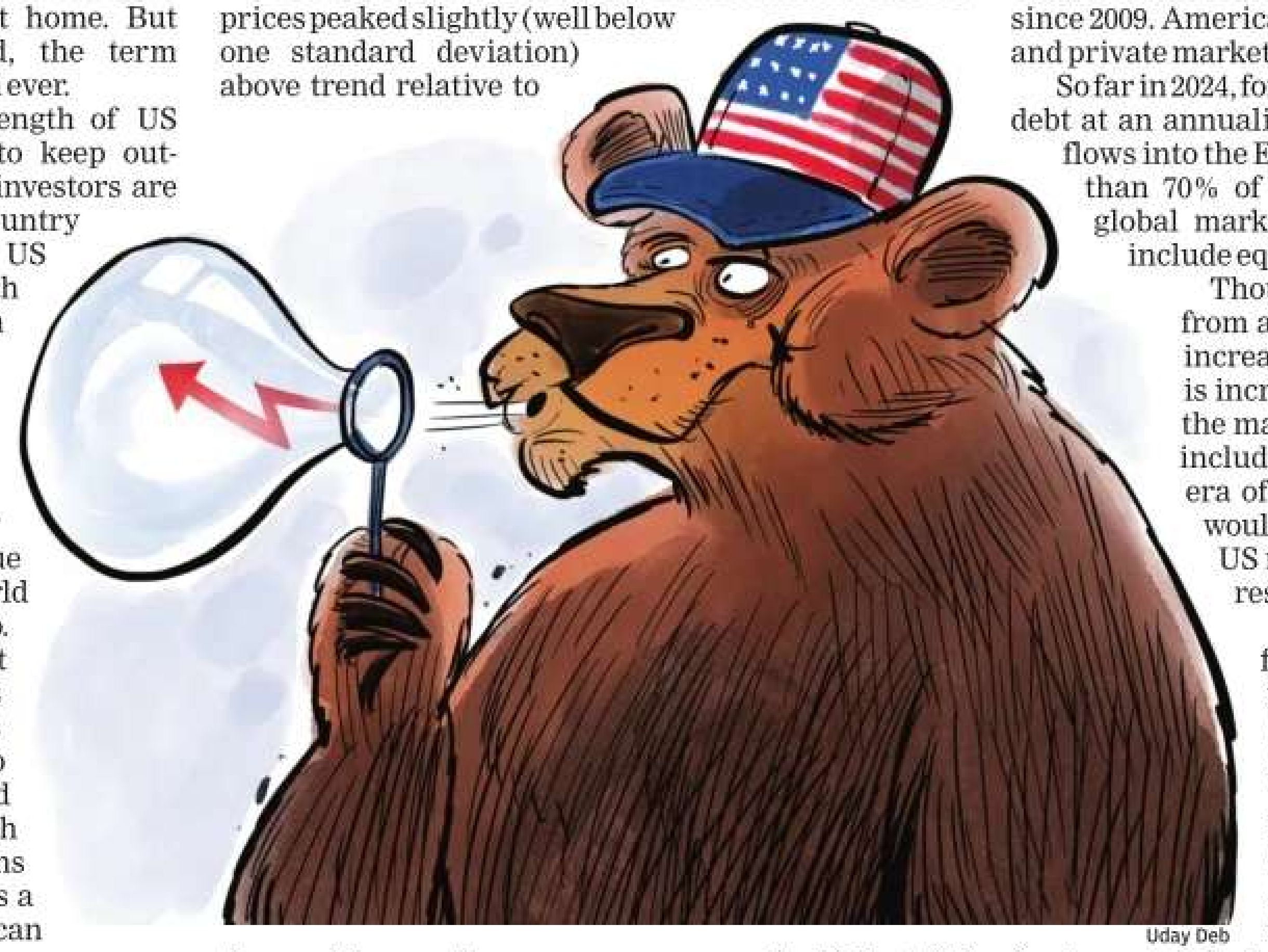
The overwhelming consensus is that the gap between America and the world is justified by the extraordinary earnings power of top US companies, their reach into the remotest corners of global trade, and their leading role in tech innovation – with AI the latest case in point. These strengths are real, but one definition of a bubble is a good idea gone too far – and awe of "American exceptionalism" has now gone too far.

America's share of global stock markets is far greater than its 27% share of the global economy, and the arrival of Donald Trump has only reinforced this disconnect. Investors believe his plans to raise tariffs, lower taxes and cut regulations will further inflate US markets, which had been outrunning the rest of the world since the end of the global financial crisis in 2009.

America's exceptional qualities were long since priced in, and then came Trump's victory in Nov, when US put in its strongest month of outperformance yet.

It's as if America is the only nation still worth investing in. This is not a bubble within the US market, it is a mania for America within global markets. At the peak of the last tech boom in 2000, US stocks were more expensively valued than they are now, but the US market did not trade at nearly so vast a premium to the rest.

The difference is striking: in the dotcom era US prices peaked slightly (well below one standard deviation) above trend relative to the world; now they are super-normally high at 3.3 standard deviations above trend.



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Compared to Europe and Japan, the US economy is growing faster, so some of the premium is rational. Compared to many developing nations, the US economy is growing slower, yet it commands a premium not seen since the depths of the financial crisis that gripped emerging markets in 1998.

Travelling recently in Asia and Europe, one came across investors everywhere who seem overawed by the global giant. In Mumbai, financial advisers are pressing their clients to diversify outside of India by buying in the one market that's even more expensive – America. In Singapore, the host of a lunch with wealth managers asks the crowd: "Anyone here who does not own Nvidia?" Not a single hand goes up.

But this is also not just AI mania by a new name. On indexes that weight stocks equally regardless of size and thus correct for the domination of Big Tech, US has outgained the rest of the world by more than four to one since 2009. America's drawing power in the global debt and private markets is even stronger.

So far in 2024, foreigners have poured capital into US debt at an annualised rate of $1tn, nearly double the flows into the Eurozone. And US now attracts more than 70% of the flows into the booming $13tn global market for private investments, which include equity and credit.

Though observers who watch the world from a geopolitical perspective think it is increasingly multipolar, investors think it is increasingly unipolar – and that makes the markets a zero-sum game. In the past, including the roaring 20s and the dotcom era of the late 1990s, a rising US market would lift other markets. Today, a booming US market is sucking money out of the rest of the world.

Investors still like to believe that fundamentals drive prices and sentiment, but there comes a time when the feedback loop reverses, and sentiments get so high that it starts to drive fundamentals. As money leaves smaller markets, the outflows weaken the currency, force the central bank to raise rates, slow the economy and make the nation's fundamentals look worse.

Talk in the markets and the media about possible bubbles in tech or AI, or in investment strategies focused on growth and momentum, is obscuring the mother of all bubbles. Thoroughly dominating the mind space of global investors, America is over-owned, overvalued and overhyped to a degree never seen before. As with all bubbles, it is hard to know when this one will deflate, or what will trigger its decline, but I will sketch some of the possible scenarios in my next column.

Of Stolen Childhood And Traumas Of War

Children in Ukraine are growing up under Russian bombs. Many have been forcibly deported. Can India be their saviour?

Olha Vorozhbyt

Columnist based in Lviv

"Mom, was there a war in Ukraine, when you were small?" my middle son asked me recently. He has just turned six. Given that we recently marked 1,000 days of the full-scale war, this is almost half of his life. For me as a mother, these talks about war with our children are the most emotionally exhausting. When I was their age I knew about the big war from the stories of my grandparents, for whom it stole their youth. But these were stories, not the sound of explosions and air alerts or funerals of loved ones killed in the war. Now Russia's war against Ukraine steals childhood from my children.

According to official statistics, since the start of the full-scale invasion 659 Ukrainian kids have been killed, another 1,747 injured. Over recent months, almost every day we hear about children killed by Russian missiles or bombs. Just the other day an entire family – mother and three kids, of whom the youngest was just 2 months – was killed in Kryvyi Rih. Only the father survived. Thirteen thousand children have lost their parents due to the war.

Hundreds of thousands have had to leave their homes. And for a significant period they have not had access to proper education as over 400 educational institutions were fully destroyed by the Russian aggression, and over 3,500 partially ruined. For a country of 42mn, this is an enormous loss.

Still, for my kids who live in the western part of Ukraine, which does not face daily attacks as frontline cities such as Kharkiv, Kherson, Dnipro or Zaporizhzhia, life has some glimpses of normalcy. They go to school, walk in parks with friends, go on excursions, birthday parties.

But what they always have with them are rescue bags with essentials in case of emergency evacuation – reminder that even when you walk on a peaceful day in a beautiful street or park, there is still a war going on. But even in western Ukraine, as well as in Kyiv or other cities in the centre of the country, schools and kindergartens lack enough space in shelters. Therefore, often children have to study in hybrid formats, alternating between a week at school, the next online. This is a huge challenge for us parents as we cannot work the same way and need to look for safe solutions.

For those who live closer to the frontline, the situation is far more complex. For Kharkiv region or Kherson, air alerts may continue for over 10 hours or can sound 7-10 times a day. Hence, it is almost impossible to have normal education. Both govt and NGO initiatives like SavEd Foundation are working on building or restoring underground shelters where children can study and socialise. Given online classes, which started during the Covid pandemic, this physical interaction is what Ukrainian kids desperately need. In May 2024, the first underground school was opened in Kharkiv. This is the only educational entity in the city where children can fully study offline. But it just caters to 2,000 kids while the city has over 53,000 schoolchildren.

Most painfully, there are also tens of thousands of Ukrainian kids who have been abducted by Russia, who cannot even call their parents or relatives. Over the past 1,000 days, the Ukrainian govt has been trying to bring these kids back. But this is a task of utmost difficulty. With all the efforts so far, Ukraine and its partners (like Qatar and 36 other countries that are part of the coalition for the return of Ukrainian children) were able to bring back only about 1,000 kids; 20 times more are still in Russia.

When the news appears about the kids that were lucky to return home, I often remind myself of the story from WWII that I came across a few years ago. It is about Polish kids who were protected by the Jam Saheb of Nawanagar.

When Stalin decided to release Polish prisoners in Siberia in 1941, among whom were many orphans and women with children, the Polish govt-in-exile was looking for a place for them to wait until the end of the war. Jam Saheb of Nawanagar agreed to take in 650 kids, for whom a refugee camp was created in Jamnagar. Kids there were treated so well that Polish people still remember that page of mutual history between India and Poland, and the Jam Saheb got the title of the "Good Maharaja".

In Aug when PM Modi was in Ukraine, together with President Zelenskyy he honoured the memory of Ukrainian kids killed by Russia's war. In his recent interview to **TOI**, Zelenskyy appealed to Modi to join the coalition of countries that are working on bringing Ukrainian kids back home. India already has a history of generosity and support for kids in dire circumstances. Why not repeat this for the sake of our mutual and prosperous future?

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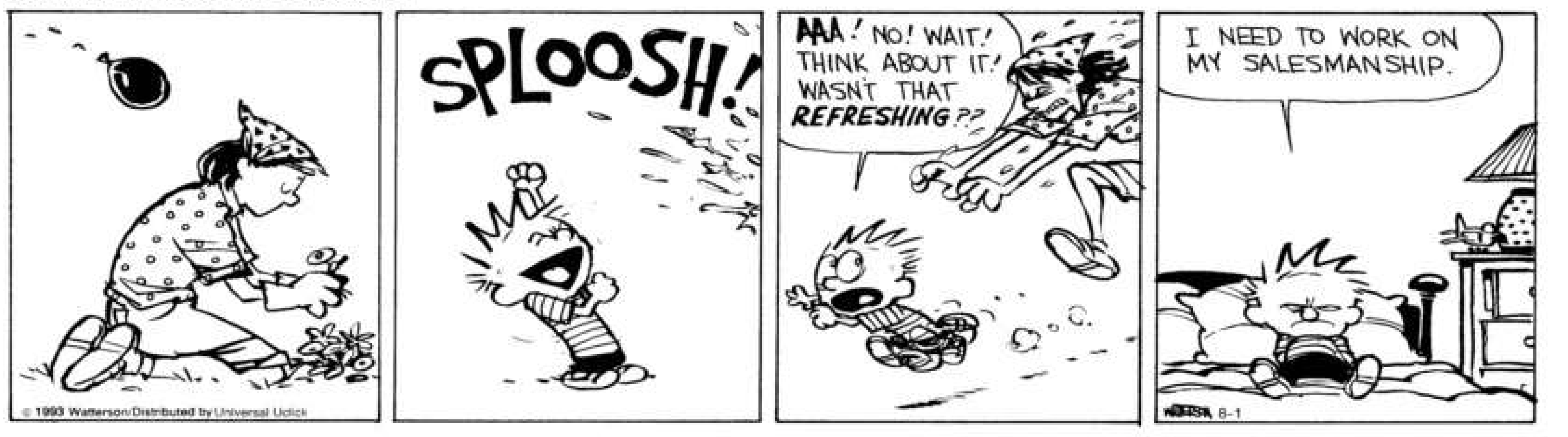
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Existence: Cartesian Thought Vs Advait Vedanta

Vijay Hashia

The question of whether thinking alone proves existence or if existence encompasses more than thought takes us into the nature of Being, self-awareness, and life.

Rene Descartes' Cogito, ergo sum – I think, therefore I am – states that thinking is the foundational proof of existence. For Descartes, doubting confirms the presence of a thinking self even if one doubts. Thought, he argues, is undeniable proof of existence.

Modern neuroscience, however, reveals that existence is not limited to thinking. Consciousness is deeply intertwined with the body, suggesting that our existence cannot be reduced solely to thought. For instance, non-thinking states such as deep sleep or unconsciousness do not negate existence; a sleeping person continues to exist through biological processes and his presence in the world.

Martin Heidegger and Maurice Merleau-Ponty emphasise that existence precedes thought. Before reflective thinking arises, humans exist as embodied beings engaged with their environment. A baby, for example, interacts with the world through sensations and actions long before developing the capacity for reflective thought. Jean-Paul Sartre and Simone de Beauvoir argue existence is inherently relational, encompassing engagement with others, emotional experiences, and the creation of meaning. Love, empathy, and collaborative action are dimensions of being that transcend the realm of thought, they state.

Moreover, existence extends beyond human beings. Entities like animals and plants exist without reflective thinking. A tree growing, adapting, and supporting an ecosystem demonstrates that 'being' is not confined to the capacity for thought.

According to Advait Vedanta, the Atman exists independently of mental activity. Mistaking the true Self with mental activity, such as thoughts, emotions, and perceptions, is avidya and ignorance. Mental processes, such as thinking, are part of maya and belong to the realm of upadhis, limiting adjuncts that obscure the true nature of the Self.

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The enduring existence of the Self is evident even in deep sleep, susupti, a state where thinking is absent, and it reflects that existence is not contingent upon thought. This illustrates that the Self is ever-present, independent of the mind, and unconditioned by mental processes associated with the empirical world.

The mind and intellect, as tools of empirical self, enable vyavahar, interaction with the relative world, but do not represent the essence of one's being. True realisation occurs when one understands the Self, which is neither the mind nor thoughts but the eternal changeless Brahmn. Thought, as an instrument of the empirical self, aids atma vichara, self-inquiry but is not the ultimate reality.

The Self, in its true nature, is Sat, pure existence, eternal and independent of mental or physical states; Chit, pure consciousness, which illumines thoughts; and Anand, bliss; the joy of realising unity with Brahmn transcends duality of thought and non-thought. Just as a pot reflects sunlight but is not its source, similarly, the mind reflects light of the Self but is not the Self.

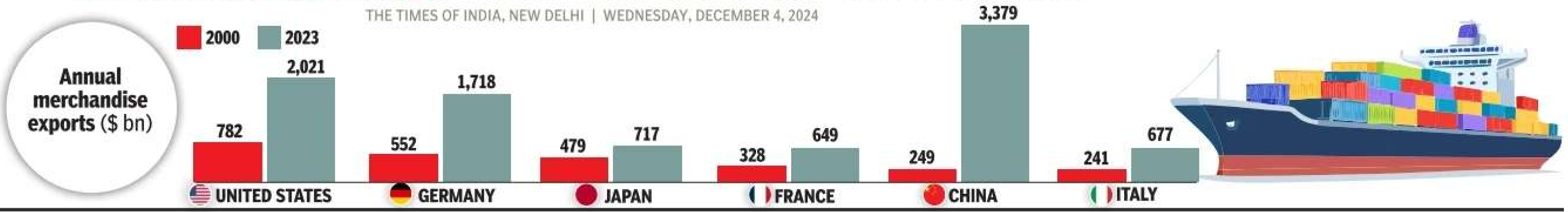
Ramana Maharshi's self-inquiry, 'who am I?' illustrates that mind and thoughts are transient, while the Self is eternal and unchanging. It distinguishes the Self from thoughts, emotions and the body.

Ultimately, while thinking proves awareness, existence is a multidimensional phenomenon encompassing the body, emotions, relationships, and interactions with the world. Thinking affirms who we are, but existence reflects how we are – a broader, richer experience that precedes and transcends thought, exploring the essence of existence, self-awareness, and the fabric of life.

China's Export Boom: Underdog To Trade Titan

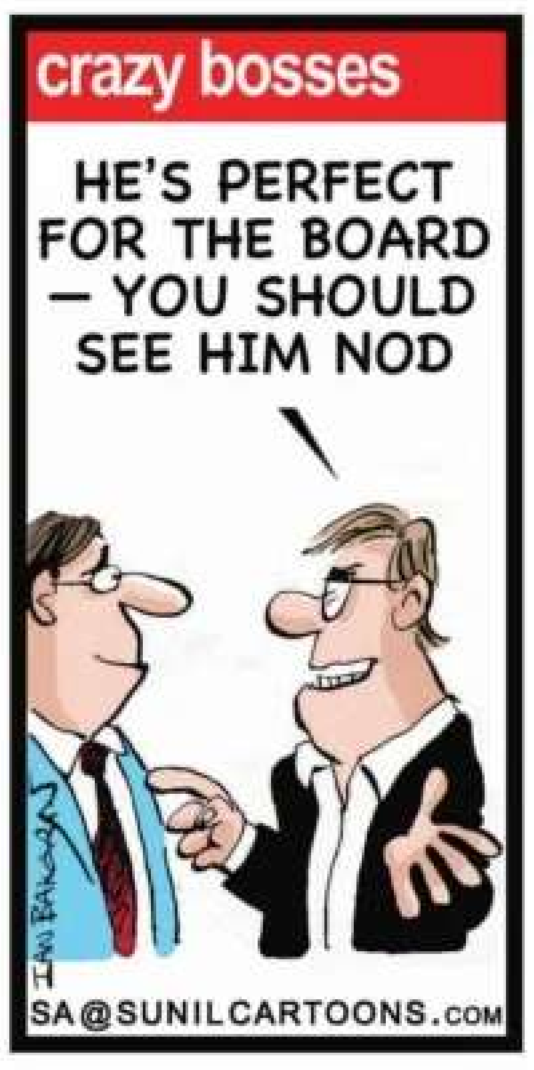
China's ascent as a manufacturing powerhouse began with its **2001 WTO accession**, transforming it into a key player in global supply chains. Between 2000 and 2023, global merchandise exports grew 3.7-fold, from $6.5tn to $23.8tn. Over the same period, China's exports skyrocketed **13.6-fold** — from $250bn to $3.4tn — surpassing all major exporters

Sources: WTO, Statista



Intel CEO forced out by board on slow revival plan

Intel CEO Pat Gelsinger was forced out after the board lost confidence in his plans to turn around the chipmaker, adding to turmoil at the company. Gelsinger is set to receive as much as $10 million in severance pay. The clash came to a head last week when Gelsinger met with the board about the company's progress on winning back market share and narrowing the gap with Nvidia. He was given the option to retire or be removed, and chose to announce the end of his career at Intel. BLOOMBERG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Stocks of 7 Adani cos jump, Green up 6%

New Delhi: Shares of seven Adani Group firms ended in the green on Tuesday, with Adani Ports surging 6%, emerging as the biggest gainer among the sensex and Nifty firms. Ambuja Cements soared 5.2%, ACC (2.6%), and Adani Enterprises (2.3%) among others. AGENCIES

92k patent requests filed in India in FY24

New Delhi: Around 92,000 patent applications were filed in India during the last financial year, signifying India's growing maturity as a hub for technological and scientific development, a top official said on Tuesday. AGENCIES

PNB Hsg scales up affordable loans

Mumbai: PNB Housing has scaled up its targets for affordable housing with govt scheme having features that prevent a churn in home loans. It said it will scale up its affordable home loan book from the current Rs 3,000 crore to Rs 5,000 crore by the end of FY25. TNN

Sebi revises norms on mobile, e-mail alerts

New Delhi: Sebi on Tuesday revised its guidelines on the use of shared mobile numbers and e-mail addresses by stock brokers for investor alerts with an aim to enhance operational convenience. AGENCIES

figure it out

At 10-15% expected growth in launches and sales, housing demand may remain resilient over next two years

Source: CareEdge

Bank credit growth slows to 11% from over 20% in yr

Rise In Retail Loans, Which Have Driven Credit, Has Eased Too

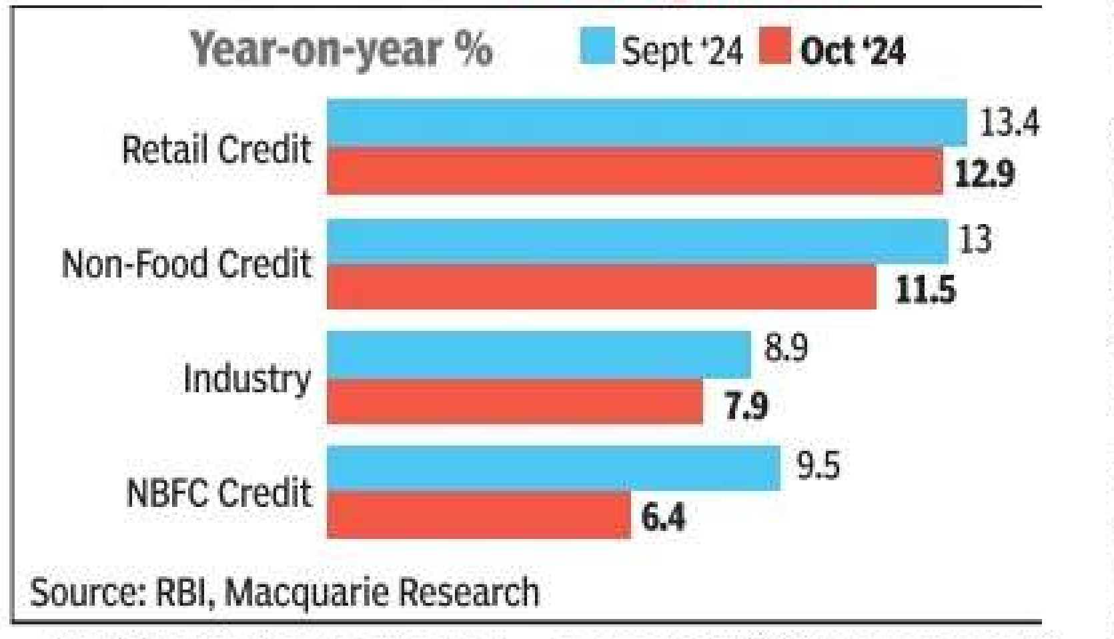
TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Bank credit growth has slowed to 11.1% as of Nov 15, 2024 compared to 20.6% last year.

Even after adjusting for the HDFC-HDFC Bank merger, growth remains slower at 12.4% versus 16.2% in 2023. There has also been a slowdown in deposit growth, albeit to a lesser extent. Compared to 13.6% deposit growth in the 12 months leading to Nov 15, 2023, the year-on-year deposit growth as of Nov 15, 2024 stood at only 11.2%.

Aggregate deposits of the banking system stood at Rs 218.5 lakh crore, a 6.7% increase over end-March numbers, RBI data showed. Banks have added over Rs 13.8 lakh crore of deposits between April-Nov 15, 2024. The year-to-date deposit growth is slower than last year's 8.9%, when banks had added another Rs 16.1 lakh crore in the first seven and a half months of FY25.

Growth Declines In All Segments



Source: RBI, Macquarie Research

Total bank loans stood at Rs 173.6 lakh crore as of Nov 15. Banks have added Rs 9.3 lakh crore of fresh loans in FY25 compared to Rs 19.5 lakh crore in the year-ago period. Even without the HDFC impact, the increase in advances last year was Rs 13.6 lakh crore.

"Overall, credit growth has slowed from 16% last year to around 11% now. We believe credit growth drives GDP and not the other way around. SBI economists' Granger causality test results for GDP and credit data from 1990 show a one-way causal relationship between GDP and credit, with increased credit leading to higher GDP," Suresh Ganapathy, research analyst with Macquarie, said.

With bank deposit growth slower than the rise in deposits, banks have begun liquidating their govt bond portfolio. The outstanding stock of govt securities with RBI has dipped by Rs 67,431 crore to Rs 64.4 lakh crore in the fortnight ended Nov 15.

"Everything is slowing… earlier, only unsecured loans were slowing… Now, the slowdown is spreading even to secured segments. Mortgage growth is down from 18% to 12%, auto loans — which includes all kinds of vehicle loans — are down from 20% last year to 11%, unsecured loan growth running at 25%+ last year is now down to 11%," Ganapathy said, quoting sectoral data on bank credit as of Oct end.

In recent years, retail lending and loans to non-bank financial institutions have been a big driver of bank credit. However, growth in retail bank credit has eased from 16.3% in March 2024 to 13.4% in Sept and even further to 12.9% in Oct. Bank loans to NBFCs have shrunk by 0.7% to Rs 1.5 lakh crore during the first seven months of the financial year.

Re dips to 84.76/$, but ends flat on RBI intervention

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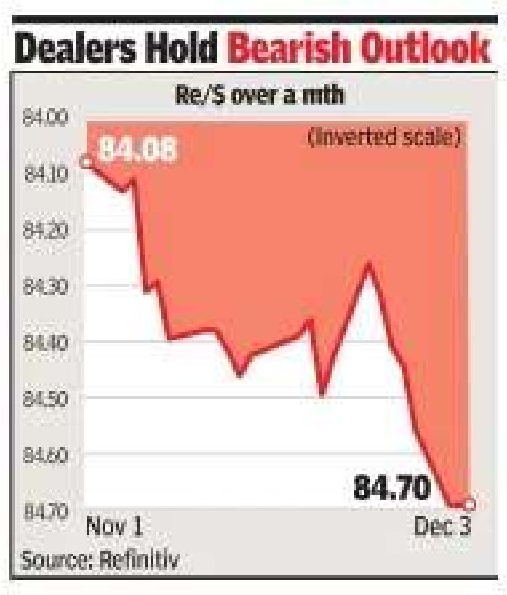
Dealers Hold Bearish Outlook



Source: Refinitiv

Mumbai: The rupee fell to an all-time low of 84.76 against the dollar on Tuesday, mirroring the yuan's weakness in the wake of a strengthening greenback. Despite closing flat at 84.70, concerns loom over the rupee's weakness.

RBI stepped in to curb further losses by selling dollars via state-run banks and employing buy/sell swaps. However, dealers reveal a decidedly bearish outlook for the rupee, fuelled by slowing growth and diminishing prospects for a rate cut.

India's GDP figures for the Sept quarter slumped to a multi-quarter low. This, coupled with year-end profit booking, could trigger further foreign equity outflows, exacerbating the rupee's decline. Donald Trump' comments on BRICS nations as well as political uncertainty in the Eurozone add further pressure. Market players keenly await RBI's Dec policy meeting for signals on its approach to inflation and growth.

While the minister of state for finance asserted the rupee's relative strength among Asian currencies, citing geopolitical tensions and a robust dollar as contributing factors, analysts paint a less optimistic picture. MUFG Bank predicts the rupee could weaken to 86 per dollar by Q4 2025. Increased volatility in the rupee's derivative market reflect investor apprehension, dealers said.

IndiGo takes Mahindra to court over use of '6e' name

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: IndiGo has filed a trademark infringement suit against Mahindra Electric Automobile, objecting to the latter naming its upcoming EV as BE 6e as "6E" is the airline's flight code. Mahindra launched the electric car on Nov 26, with company officials insisting then there is no copyright infringement with use of 6e.

Indigo went to the court within days. Titled Interglobe Aviation (IndiGo parent) vs Mahindra Electric Automobile, the case was on Tuesday listed to be heard in the court of Justice Amit Bansal.

However, the judge recused himself from hearing the matter. The next hearing is scheduled for Dec 9. Appearing for IndiGo, senior advocate Sandeep Sethi informed the court that Mahindra had initiated discussions with the airline to address the issue.

In a statement, IndiGo said: "6E mark is an integral part of IndiGo's identity for the past 18 years and is a registered trademark that holds strong global recognition. The 6E mark, whether standalone or in its variants and formative forms, is extensively used by IndiGo for its offerings and for goods and services provided in collaboration with trusted partners."

The airline further said, "Any unauthorised use of the '6E' mark, whether standalone or in any form, constitutes an infringement of IndiGo's rights, reputation and goodwill. IndiGo is committed to taking all necessary and appropriate steps to safeguard its intellectual property and brand identity."

Mahindra said it revealed EV SUVs — the BE 6e and XEV 9e — late last month. "Mahindra has applied for trade mark registration under class 12 (vehicles) for 'BE 6e' a part of its electric origin SUV portfolio. We hence don't see a conflict as Mahindra's mark is 'BE 6e,' not the standalone '6E.' It differs fundamentally from IndiGo's '6E,' which represents an airline, eliminating any risk of confusion…" The distinct styling further emphasises their uniqueness. We have taken on board the concerns that InterGlobe Aviation Limited have to infringement of their goodwill, which was not our intention. We are engaged in discussions with them to find an amicable solution."

This is the second time IndiGo is locked in a legal battle with some other company using a name associated with it. In 2015, the airline had a trademark dispute with Tata Motors which then used to sell its sedan under the name IndiGo.

Swiggy eyes operational profitability by Dec 2025

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Swiggy is eyeing operational profitability by Dec 2025, the company said in its first earnings after its public debut in Nov.

The company's net losses narrowed to Rs 625.5 crore on a consolidated basis in the Sept quarter from Rs 657 crore in the year-ago period. Revenue from operations increased by 30% year-on-year to Rs 3,601.4 crore.

In a letter to shareholders, the firm said that at the consolidated group level, it expects to achieve positive adjusted ebitda by Q3 FY26. Swiggy's rival Zomato, with which it competes in both the food delivery and quick commerce markets, is profitable. "Our food delivery business turned profitable last year, and continues to ramp-up… quick commerce is in the investment phase, amidst rapid expansion of its addressable market and substantial competitive intensity in the near-term," the company said.

The gross order value of Swiggy's food delivery business grew by 15% year-on-year to Rs 7,191 crore. The firm's recently-launched 10-minute food delivery service Bolt already accounts for 5% of its total food delivery orders. Swiggy will build more consumption occasions and use-cases for consumers to fuel the growth of its food delivery business which had 14.7 million average monthly transacting users as of Q2. For its quick commerce business Instamart — which competes with players like Zomato's Blinkit, Zepto and BigBasket — the growth strategy will be to launch in new cities as well as deepen the footprint in existing markets. Plans are afoot to more than double its active dark store area to 4 million square feet by March 2025 through a mix of new dark store additions and larger sized stores.

Sin goods may face a new cess over 35% rate

Govt May Ensure Effective Rate Not Reduced For Funding Requirements In Health & Edu

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New Delhi: The proposed 35% special rate of GST on sin goods, such as tobacco, cigarettes and soft drinks, may just be a starting point for the post-compensation cess era, with a new cess likely to ensure that the effective rate of tax does not significantly come down.

While several sin and luxury goods currently face 28% GST, compensation cess increases the effective rate. For instance, soft drinks face a 12% compensation cess, taking the overall tax burden to 40%. For certain tobacco products, the effective rate tops 100%, including cess.

Industry watchers said having categorised these items as "sin goods" govt is unlikely to leave them with a lower effective rate once compensation cess is removed from April 2026. They expect a new cess to come in, which can be used by the Centre to meet specific funding requirements in sectors, such as health or education.

Responding to reports of the special rate, Krishan Arora, partner at consulting firm Grant Thornton Bharat said: "This proposal appears to be aimed at compensating for potential revenue shortfalls resulting from reduced rates on common-use items and exemptions, such as those related to health and life insurance premiums. By rationalising rates, the GoM's strategy appears to seek a revenue-neutral position, balancing the anticipated revenue decline from reductions in health and life insurance with the revenue increases from adjustments on other products."

MOP-UP MATRIX

2023-24

Slab (%)	% of GST collection
5	6-8
12	5-6
18	70-75
28	13-15
Others	1-2

Source: Parliament Question

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs however, said the news reports are premature as a group of ministers led by Bihar deputy CM Samrat Chaudhary is working on the recommendations and is yet to submit its report.

"The GoM is only a recommendatory body. The GST Council has not yet deliberated on any GST rate changes. The Council has not even received trecommendations of the GoM. In fact, GoM is yet to finalise and present its recommendations to the Council after which the Council will take a final view on the recommendations of GoM," it said in a statement.

"Finance ministers from various states in the GoM are working to address GST rate changes. Thereafter, the GST Council, consisting of all state FMs will take up their recommendations, when they next meet. Speculation is better avoided," FM Nirmala Sitharaman tweeted. Govt response came after several sectors, such as textiles, which would be impacted by the plan to impose 18% GST on products that cost between Rs 1,500 and Rs 10,000 and 28% on those priced over Rs 10,000.

Lobby groups, such as Confederation of All India Traders, said the proposal is unacceptable. "On the one hand there is talk of promoting exports and manufacturing, and instead of tax relief businesses are sought to be burdened by higher levies," it said. The GST Council is scheduled to meet in Jaisalmer on Dec 21.

Sebi asks Trafiksol to refund IPO money citing fraud

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Sebi has directed Trafiksol ITS Technologies to refund the Rs 44.9 crore paid by investors who were allotted shares in the company's IPO. BSE, in coordination with bankers, will oversee the refund process, which should be completed within one week from the date of the order, along with the interest earned on the issue's proceeds.

Sebi had received a complaint prior to the listing of the shares, alleging that objects of the issue included the purchase of software from a third-party vendor with questionable credentials. An investigation found that the vendor was a shell entity, and that the company had engaged in a cover-up when the vendor's credentials were questioned. The order aims to protect investors' interests by ensuring they get their money back.

"The finding that the company was involved in cover-up is based on fact that it can be reasonably presumed that MD of the company, given his long association with this sector, at the very least, was aware that the profile of the TPV directors, which was submitted to BSE, was fabricated. Therefore, the company's defense — that it merely forwarded documents provided by the TPV to BSE without verifying their authenticity — must be rejected," the order said.

Traffic Solutions Co To Pay Back ₹45Cr

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Trafiksol, which provides solutions for traffic and toll management projects through technology, had filed a draft red herring prospectus with BSE for an IPO on the SME Platform, issuing 64.1 lakh equity shares at Rs 66-70 per share. The offering was oversubscribed nearly 345.7 times, raising Rs 44.9 crore. The listing, scheduled for Sept 17, 2024, was deferred due to a complaint.

"It is pertinent to note that other findings of probe are yet to be adjudicated. So, submission made by noticee, that IPO may be permitted to go ahead subject to use of proceeds being monitored by an agency appointed by Sebi or BSE, cannot be considered," the order said.

Govt not considering PSBs' merger: MoS finance

New Delhi: Govt is not considering merger of public sector banks, minister of state for finance Pankaj Chaudhary said on Tuesday. In a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha, he said several steps have been taken by govt to strengthen the financial condition of public sector banks (PSBs).

Chaudhary said the reforms undertaken by govt in the banking sector have created systemic improvements and instituted checks and controls to minimise the risk of recurrence of excessive stress. To a question on whether the merger of public sector banks is being considered, Chaudhary replied: "No sir".

Chaudhary further said PSU banks have shown improvement in their capital adequacy ratio and gross non-performing assets position post-merger.

"The merger has helped in improved synergies, economies of scale, better technology integration and the same has resulted in uniform improvement across all key financial parameters," Chaudhary added. In the biggest consolidation exercise in the banking space, govt in Aug 2019, had announced four major mergers of public sector banks, bringing down their total number to 12 from 27 in 2017, a move aimed at making state-owned lenders global-sized banks. AGENCIES

Musk's record Tesla pay plan rejected again

Elon Musk's record-setting Tesla pay package was again rejected by a Delaware judge even after shareholders supported reinstating it.

Despite the June 13 shareholder vote at the company's annual meeting, Delaware Chancery court judge Kathaleen McCormick decided to stick with her original finding in Jan that the company's board was too much under the influence of the billionaire entrepreneur when it adopted the plan in 2018.

The stock options package was initially worth $2.6 billion and spiked to $56 billion by the time the judge cancelled it. The package was worth $101.5 billion at Monday's closing price.

Delaware Judge Sticks To Jan Order

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McCormick's ruling striking down the highest-ever pay arrangement for a US corporate executive could take a giant bite out of Musk's wealth. Even without the payout, he remains the world's richest person. Tesla shares fell 1.4% in after-hours trading.

The ruling comes just after Musk's wealth hit an all-time high — surpassing the previous record of $340.4 billion set in Nov 2021 — thanks to a Tesla stock rally following the presidential election and a new funding round for his artificial intelligence startup.

Musk, 53, spent much of Oct campaigning for Donald Trump, including speaking at a Madison Square Garden rally in New York City about a week before the election. The president-elect has tapped Musk to co-lead a cost-cutting effort that the new administration is calling "DOGE," or the "Department of Government Efficiency." Tesla and its board, which includes Musk, didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

In Monday's ruling, McCormick awarded $345 million to the lawyers who fought Musk and Tesla to kill the pay plan.

While that amount was far less than the attorneys' request to be compensated with 29 million Tesla shares — more than $10 billion at the company's current share price — it's still among the largest lawyer paydays in the history of US litigation.

"We hope that the chancellor's well-reasoned decision will end this matter for the shareholders of Tesla," said lawyers at the firm of Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann.

Musk now has 30 days to decide whether to appeal McCormick's ruling under Delaware law. Unlike the US Supreme Court, the state's highest court reviews all appeals of lower-court rulings. The billionaire is expected to contest McCormick's finding that Tesla directors awarded him excessive compensation because they were handcuffed by conflicts of interest BLOOMBERG.

SECI lifts ban on R-Power from bidding for projects

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: State-run renewable project aggregator SECI on Tuesday withdrew its order banning Anil Ambani-led Reliance Power (R-Power) for three years from bidding for projects.

SECI had imposed the ban on grounds of its group entity, Reliance NU BESS, submitting allegedly invalid bank guarantee in one of its recent tenders. The ban was imposed without seeking R-Power's response to the allegation, an argument the company had put forth while challenging the ban in the Delhi high court.

"The company (R-Power) and its subsidiaries (except Reliance NU BESS) are eligible to participate in all tenders issued by SECI," the parent said in a statement.

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R-Power had invoked the principle of natural justice and arguments that the parent company or other group entities cannot be debarred because of an "issue" arising between the bidder subsidiary — Reliance NU BESS — and SECI. R-Power further argued that SECI did not issue notice for the company's response before imposing the ban.

Staying the SECI ban imposed on Nov 6, the court also ordered removal of the public notice, except regarding Reliance NU BESS, from the SECI website and set the next hearing for Dec 12.

The bank guarantee in question was purportedly issued by the FirstRand Bank through its branch supposed to be located in Manila City (Philippines). But during SECI's due diligence, however, the bank's Indian branch denied existence of any branch in Manila City, prompting the agency to conclude the company had submitted "fake documents".

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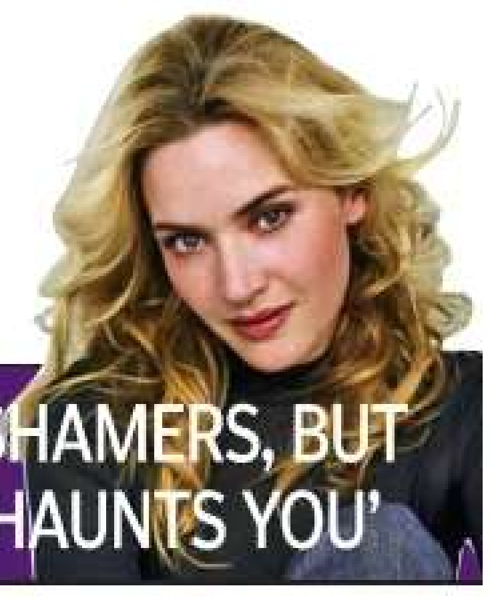
NO MAN IS HURT BUT BY HIMSELF — DIOGENES



DANIEL CRAIG SCHOOLS US TV HOST STEPHEN COLBERT FOR WRONGLY PRONOUNCING SURNAME AS 'CR-EGG' FOR YEARS: 'I DON'T SAY COL-BET'

KATE WINSLET NEVER CALLED OUT HER TITANIC-ERA BODY-SHAMERS, BUT CONFRONTED THEM IN PRIVATE: 'I TOLD THEM, I HOPE THIS HAUNTS YOU'

No lawyer shows up for monk in B'desh court

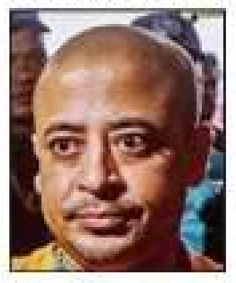
Bail Hearing Deferred To Jan 2; Reports Say Around 70 Hindu Lawyers 'Falsely Sued In A Case To Prevent Participation'

Ahsan Tasnim & Tamaghna Banerjee

AP

Soldiers stand guard outside Indian High commission in Dhaka on Tuesday

Dhaka/Kolkata: Chinmoy Krishna Das Brahmachari, the Hindu monk arrested and charged with sedition in Bangladesh, will have to wait until Jan 2 for a bail hearing as a Chattogram court accepted on Tuesday the prosecution's request for a lengthy adjournment on the ground that he did not have a defence lawyer yet.



Chinmoy K Das

Bangladesh Sammilita Sanatani Jagran Jote, of which Chinmoy Krishna is a spokesperson, was quoted by local media as saying that around 70 Hindu lawyers were "falsely sued in a case to prevent their participation" in the arrested monk's fresh bail hearing.

Although Iskcon Bangladesh has disowned Chinmoy Krishna, saying he was expelled in Oct for disciplinary reasons, Iskcon Kolkata's vice-president Radharamn Das protested against the circumstances leading to metropolitan sessions judge Md Saiful Islam scheduling the next bail hearing almost a month later. "How can any lawyer appear for #ChinmoyKrishnaDas when they are being targeted?" he wrote on X, citing reports of an alleged attack on a counsel identified as Regan Acharya the day he was arrested.

On Nov 26, Chattogram's sixth metropolitan magistrate judge Kazi Shariful Islam rejected Chinmoy Krishna's first bail plea, triggering clashes in which a lawyer named Saiful Islam Alif died.

In Kolkata, Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee's request to PM Modi to prod UN to deploy a peacekeeping force in Bangladesh and get back "persecuted Indians" received support from Iskcon. "We are thankful to CM Mamata Banerjee for speaking up on the issue and highlighting the need for global intervention...," said Radharamn Das, the Iskcon vice-president. He said democracy was "in jeopardy" in Bangladesh and that "basic human rights of minorities are being compromised". On Monday, Radharamn Das had posted a photo of wounded advocate Ramen Roy in hospital, saying he was left fighting for his life for defending Chinmoy Das in court.

Writ petition in HC seeks ban on Indian TV channels for airing provocative news: Report

A writ petition has been filed in the Bangladesh HC seeking a ban on the broadcast of all Indian TV channels in the country citing provocative news aired on them, according to a media report. Lawyer Ekhlas Uddin Bhuiyan filed the petition and confirmed the matter on Monday, the Dhaka Tribune reported. The writ seeks a directive under Section 29 of the Cable Television Network Operation Act 2006 to prohibit the broadcast of all Indian TV channels. The petition alleges that provocative news is being aired on Indian channels and that unregulated broadcasts of content opposing Bangladeshi culture are leading to the destruction of the youth, the report added. It further claims that these channels are not adhering to any regulations. The secretaries of the information ministry and the home ministry, the Bangladesh telecommunication regulatory commission, and others are named as respondents in the petition. PTI

Violence in B'desh 'attempt at ethnic cleansing of Hindus': UK MP in parl

Naomi Canton

London: Tory MP Bob Blackman described the violence against Hindus in Bangladesh as "an attempt at ethnic cleansing" during a debate in the UK House of Commons Monday.

Blackman said, "Hindus are suffering with their houses being burned, their businesses ransacked. Two further priests were arrested over the weekend, and 63 monks were denied access to the country. This is an attempt at ethnic cleansing of Hindus from Bangladesh. Will the minister come out and outright condemn this violence?"

Indo-Pacific minister Catherine West, representing the govt, said this had all been top of her agenda when she met Bangladesh interim govt chief adviser Muhammad Yunus in Bangladesh in Nov. She said the UK supported the interim govt and was ready to offer advice on law and order.

Scores of MPs stood up and said their constituents were concerned about the safety of Hindus in Bangladesh, with some having family there. They called on the UK govt to take every diplomatic step to protect Hindus. One MP asked the minister to raise it at the UN.

The debate followed an urgent question by Labour MP Barry Gardiner on the situation. Gardiner said there had been over 2,000 incidents of violence since Aug, mostly targeted against Hindus, and the protections for minority religions guaranteed under Bangladesh's constitution "appeared to not be being enforced".

"There are reports of police and army standing by, as more than 20 places of minority Hindu and Sufi worship were vandalised and their worshippers attacked," he said. "This came to a head on Friday, when extremist groups from the Jamaat-e-Islami party attacked two Hindu temples in Chittagong and conducted a campaign of orchestrated violence. The situation is clearly on a knife edge." Regarding the arrest of Hindu monk Chinmoy Krishna Das, Gardiner said "people are concerned he has been denied due process, charged with sedition and refused bail, yet none of the individuals who attacked the temples has been apprehended or charged."

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In pivot from India, Nepal's PM Oli seeks economic support from China

Beijing: Nepal's communist politician K P Sharma Oli, returning as the country's PM this year for a fourth time, sought to kick-start infrastructure projects with Beijing this week amid a pivot away from India's sphere of influence.

Oli arrived in China on Monday for a four-day visit, his first to a foreign country since his July swearing-in, and breaking tradition by not making New Delhi, with which Kathmandu has centuries-old ties, his initial port of call.

Oli has so far been greeted by familiar pledges of assistance, but no new investment. The nine deals that Nepal signed with China on Tuesday had been previously agreed.

During Oli's meeting with President Xi Jinping on Tuesday, the Chinese leader reiterated that China would help Nepal transform from a landlocked country into a "land-linked" one, and would continue to support Nepal's economic development "to the best of its ability", Chinese state media said.

Kathmandu, which signed up for Xi's Belt and Road Initiative, says no project has yet been implemented since an initial pact was inked in 2017. Oli is seeking to deepen and recalibrate economic ties with Nepal's northern neighbour while seeking to reduce its traditional dependence on India to the south. India accounts for two-thirds of Nepal's global trade while China has a share of just 14%. But China is a bigger two-way creditor, having lent more than $310 million, World Bank data shows, or $30 million more than New Delhi.

During his first term as PM in 2016, Oli cut a petroleum deal with China after Delhi imposed a six-month oil blockade on Kathmandu a year earlier. That upended India's status as Nepal's sole fuel supplier and paved the way for increased co-operation with Beijing. Debt concerns have spurred debate within Oli's coalition govt, with Nepali Congress party, a key supporter of Oli being in office, opposing any project funded by loans. Ahead of his China visit, the coalition partners, including Oli's CPN (UML), agreed to use grants and not loans. REUTERS

S Korea prez declares martial law; Parl votes to defy it

Yoon's Move, First In Country Since 1980s, Puts Ban On All Political Activities, Limits Press Freedom

AFP

Soldiers blocked from entering the National Assembly building in Seoul

Reuters

Seoul: President Yoon Suk Yeol of South Korea declared emergency martial law Tuesday, banning "all political activities," in an extraordinary reaction to the political deadlock that has hobbled his tenure. Yoon, who is seen in South Korea as deeply unpopular and divisive, accused the opposition of plotting an "insurgency" and "trying to overthrow the free democracy."

Hours after Yoon's declaration, the National Assembly voted to lift it, in a swift rebuke of the president's move. "Of the 190 present, 190 in favour, I declare that the resolution calling for the lifting of the emergency martial law has been passed," National Assembly speaker Woo Won-shik said. There are 300 seats in the assembly. Woo also declared that the martial law was "invalid" and that lawmakers "will protect democracy with the people." Yoon's move was also criticised by Han Dong-hoon, the head of his own People Power Party. Han said in a Facebook post the president's "martial law declaration is wrong" and that he would "work with the citizens to stop it."

Lee Jae-myung, leader of the liberal Democratic Party, which holds the majority in the 300-seat parliament, said the party's lawmakers will remain in the Assembly's main hall until Yoon formally lifts his order.

It was not immediately clear how the president or military would respond to the vote. But Yoon's announcement of martial law, which banned "all political activities" and enabled him to take command of the news media, set off protesters clashing with the police outside the National Assembly. An AP report said police and military personnel were seen leaving Assembly's grounds after Woo called for their withdrawal.

The South Korean act on martial law states that if the assembly demands an end to it, the president must lift it "without delay." The South Korean military says it will maintain martial law until it is lifted by the president, according to the country's national broadcaster.

Following Yoon's announcement, army Gen Park An-su, who was appointed martial law commander, banned "all political activities," including political party activities and citizens' rallies, and labour activities. And the constitution states that martial law allows Yoon, who has frequently clashed with the news media, to limit freedom of the press. Park said in a decree that "all news media and publications are under the control of martial law command," warning that those who spread "fake news" could be arrested without a court warrant.

Thousands of protesters gathered outside the National Assembly, chanting "End martial law!" Some appeared to be trying to enter the building as police officers tried to block them. By 2.30am, the protests swelled and spilled out of the National Assembly's immediate vicinity. Thousands of people filled a section of an eight-lane road to call for the president to be arrested and impeached.

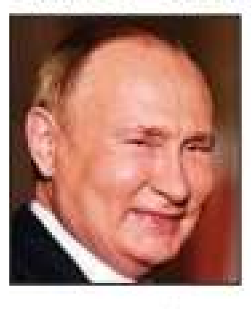
It was the first time a South Korean president had declared martial law since military dictatorship ended in late 1980s.

Elected president in 2022, Yoon has been in a constant political standoff with the opposition, which controls the National Assembly. In a nationally televised speech Tuesday night, he denounced the opposition for repeatedly using its majority in the Assembly to impeach members of his cabinet and block the passage of his govt's budget plans. This has "paralysed the administration," Yoon said. Lee Jae-myung, the opposition leader, rejected Yoon's reasoning. "There is no reason to declare martial law. President Yoon Seok Yeol has betrayed the people.... his illegal declaration of emergency martial law is null and void." AGENCIES

'Putin-controlled aircraft & funds used to deport Ukrainian kids'

Russian presidential aircraft and funds were used in a programme that took children from occupied Ukrainian territories, stripped them of Ukrainian identity and placed them with Russians, a report by Yale's school of public health said.

The US state department-backed research, published Tuesday, identified 314 Ukrainian children taken to Russia in the early months of the war in Ukraine as part of what it says was a systematic, Kremlin-funded programme to "Russify" them. Russia's aerospace forces and aircraft under the direct control of Putin's office transported multiple groups of children from Ukraine on Russian Federation-flagged military transport planes between May and Oct 2022, the report said.



In March 2023, the International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants for Russian President Putin and his child rights' commissioner, Maria Lvova-Belova, for the alleged war crime of deportation of Ukrainian children. At the time, Lvova-Belova said her commission acted on humanitarian grounds to protect children in an area where military action was taking place and that Russia had not moved anyone against will.

Nathaniel Raymond, executive director of Yale's humanitarian research lab, said the research offers evidence that would support additional charges by the ICC against Putin of "forcible transfer" of people from one national and ethnic group to another. He further said the report proved "the deportation of Ukraine's children is part of a systematic, Kremlin-led programme" to make them citizens of Russia.

Forcible transfer is a crime against humanity under international law. Because they must be widespread and systematic, crimes against humanity are generally considered more serious than the war crimes Putin is charged with for alleged deportation of Ukrainian kids. REUTERS

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Sandeep Adhwaryu

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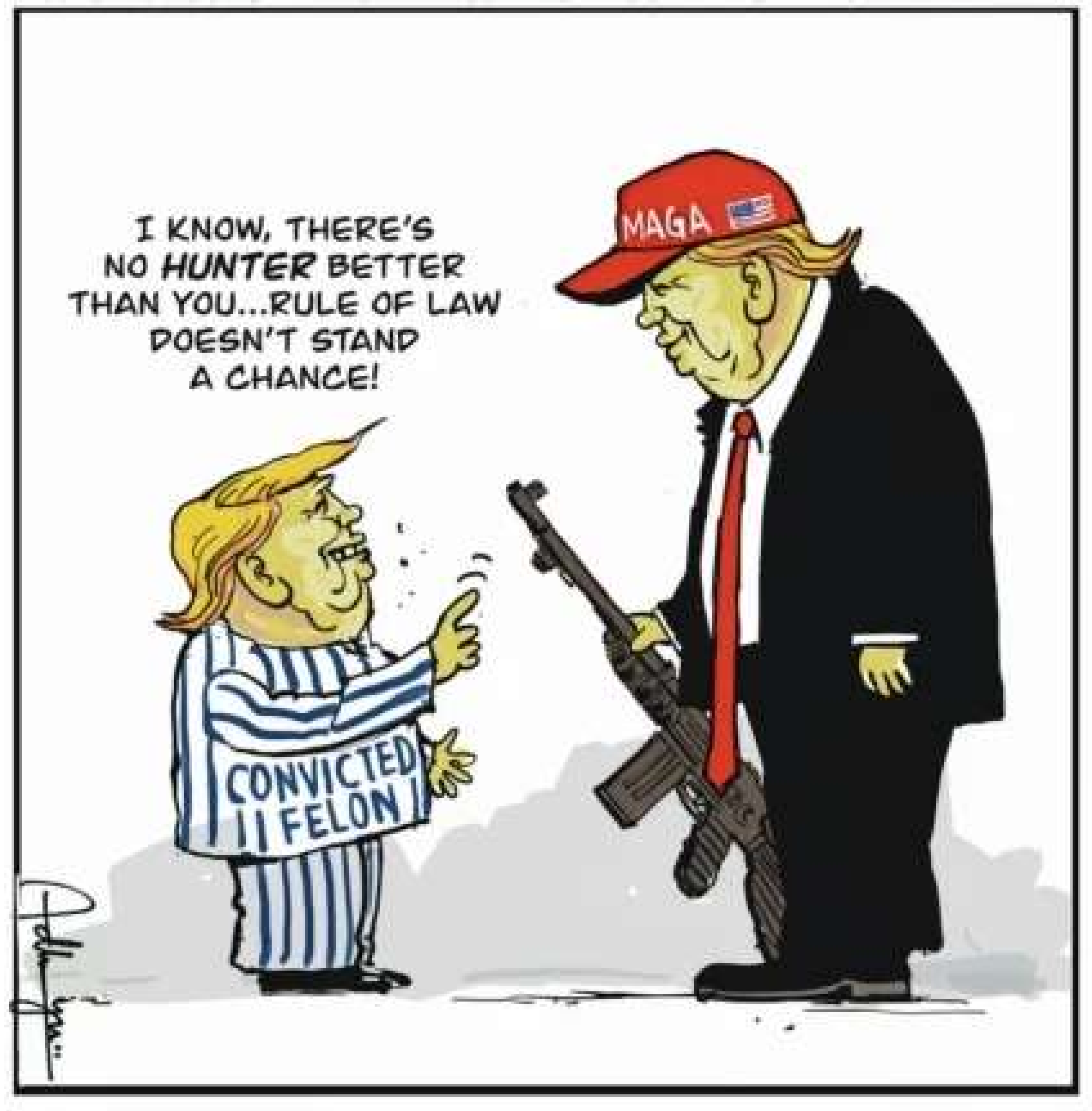
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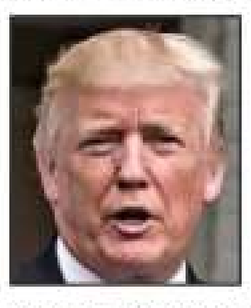
Trump promises 'hell to pay' if Gaza hostages not promptly released

US President-elect Donald Trump said Monday there would be "hell to pay" in West Asia if hostages held in Gaza were not released prior to his Jan 20 inauguration.



During the 2023 attack on Israel, Hamas captured more than 250 people, according to Israeli tallies, including dual Israeli-American nationals. Around half of the 101 foreign and Israeli hostages still held incommunicado in Gaza are believed to be alive.

Making his most explicit comments on the fate of the hostages since his election in Nov, Trump said on social media: "the hostages are not released prior to Jan 20, 2025.. there will be ALL HELL TO PAY in Middle East, and for those in charge who perpetrated these atrocities against Humanity."

Trump added: "Those responsible will be hit harder than anybody has been hit in the long and storied History of the United States of America."

Hamas has called for an end to the war and total Israeli withdrawal from Gaza as part of any deal to release remaining hostages. Israeli PM Netanyahu has said the war will go on until Hamas is eradicated and poses no more threat to Israel. REUTERS

Israel applauds Trump pledge, Gazans fear worse

Jerusalem: Israeli leaders hailed on Tuesday the pledge by US President-elect Donald Trump.

Israeli PM Netanyahu and many of his ministers thanked Trump for his hard-hitting words. "President Trump put the emphasis in the right place, on Hamas, and not on the Israeli govt, as is customary (elsewhere)," Netanyahu said at the start of a cabinet meeting.

Finance minister Bezalel Smotrich said Trump's statement had made clear to everyone who was in the right, and who was wrong. "This is the way to bring back the hostages: by increasing the pressure and the costs for Hamas..." Families of the hostages also expressed gratitude. "The time has come. We must bring them home NOW," the families forum said.

Senior Hamas official Basem Naim said PM Netanyahu had sabotaged all efforts to secure a deal. Mohammed Dahlan, a Gazan, said he was shocked. "We were hoping that the new administration would bring with it a breakthrough .... but it seems (Trump) is in complete agreement with the Israeli administration...," he said. REUTERS

Kash's blueprint on FBI revamp shows he seeks to turn it into Trump's tool

Elizabeth Williamson and Charlie Savage

"Fire the top ranks of the FBI". Encourage Congress to demand testimony exposing "every single bit of filth and corruption" at the agency, and withhold its funding "until the documents come in." Prosecute leakers and journalists. Replace the national security workforce with "people who won't undermine the president's agenda". These are among a long list of changes Kash Patel recommended in his 2023 book, "Government Gangsters." Prez-elect Donald Trump has now said he intends to make Patel the next FBI director. Charles Kupperman, deputy national security adviser during first Trump era, warned that Patel's ideas would be anathema to FBI's mission. "These are not reforms, they are punitive measures," he said.

Investigating Trump's Rivals

Trump has repeatedly vowed to use the justice department to "go after" his political adversaries in a second term. Although Patel would need a factual basis for suspecting someone of wrongdoing to open an investigation, department rules give significant discretion to FBI officials. If Patel wanted to open investigations on a flimsy basis, he would need to find subordinates willing to go along. For those targeted, such probes are highly disruptive, including paying expensive attorneys, even if they never result in charges.

Going After Reporters, Leakers

Patel has threatened to unleash law enforcement powers on the mainstream media, which Trump likes to call "the enemies of the people". Patel has also called for using the justice department more aggressively to uncover who in the govt is providing information to reporters, and said that leakers should be prosecuted. He wrote in his book that all federal staff should be forced to submit to monthly scans of their devices "to determine who has improperly transferred classified information."

Purging FBI Workforce

Patel rose in political circles by trying to discredit the FBI's probe into the 2016 Trump campaign's ties to Russia, and he holds deep contempt for justice department prosecutors, FBI agents and investigators, all of whom he accuses of political corruption. In a Sept 2024 podcast, he declared that he would close the FBI's Washington HQ. "I'd shut down the FBI Hoover Building on Day 1 and reopen it the next day as a museum of the 'deep state,'" Patel said. "And I'd take the 7,000 employees that work in that building and send them across America to chase down criminals. Go be cops." FBI director has broad authority to reassign personnel to different parts of the country. NYT

DAILY PLANET

AFP

PRO-EU STIR IN GEORGIA: Thousands of Georgians demonstrated in front of their country's parliament for the 5th night in a row Monday, widening a political crisis that has set the pro-Russian govt against those who want closer ties with the West. At the centre of the clash is the announcement last week by the governing Georgian Dream party that the country would put talks on EU membership on hold until 2028

Gladiator for a night at the Colosseum? Some Romans are up in arms

Elisabetta Povoledo

Getty Images

'IT'S NOT A THEME PARK': Some feel that gladiator re-enactments in the iconic amphitheatre would be in poor taste. 'We're against transforming the Colosseum into a theme park,' said a member of Rome's City Council

Rome: It has probably been centuries since Romans have been so feverish about happenings at the Colosseum, and it is not because of the recent release of the Ridley Scott "Gladiator" sequel. A plan by the Colosseum and Airbnb to give a select few people the chance to unleash their "inner gladiator" at the most visited site in Italy has caused an uproar among many Romans who say its demeans a treasured cultural icon.

Over two nights in May, a total of up to 32 people will learn the art of gladiator fighting at the ancient arena, taught by Roman history buffs who specialise in historical re-enactments.

The project is a partnership between the Colosseum Archaeological Park and Airbnb, the accommodations booking platform, which donated $1.5 million to spruce up a permanent exhibit inside the arena. The aim, Airbnb said, "was to support the Colosseum's ongoing conservation work to find new ways to inspire and educate visitors on the historical significance of this bygone era."

But some Romans and cultural leaders have given the initiative an emphatic thumbs down. (Footnote: While the emperor made such a gesture to condemn a fighter in the original "Gladiator" movie, scholars are uncertain about the direction thumbs actually pointed in ancient arenas for such purposes.) "We're against transforming the Colosseum into a theme park," said Massimiliano Smeriglio, a member of Rome's City Council. "We're all in favour if a company decides to sponsor a monument or a restoration," he said, "but it shouldn't be necessary to get anything in exchange."

Federico Mollicone, a lawmaker with the Brothers of Italy party of PM Giorgia Meloni, dismissed the criticism as the views of a "radical chic" element in Rome that treated the arena "as something sacred". The Colosseum, he pointed out, had been built for rough-and-tumble entertainment. The center-right govt this year passed a law that supports the promotion of historical reenactments.

Critics also raised questions about Airbnb's involvement at a time when many European cities are struggling to balance the needs of locals with a booming postpandemic tourist industry facilitated by accommodation platforms. This summer, the backlash against mass tourism saw protests in many cities, including Barcelona, Spain, and Athens, Greece.

While Romans are frequently incensed by many issues in their city — everything from uncollected garbage to potholes — they can be particularly sensitive about the Colosseum. A kerfuffle erupted last year after Elon Musk challenged Mark Zuckerberg on social media to "a cage match", and it was rumored that the Colosseum could be the venue. NYT

Taylor's version of 'Childless Cat Lady' tops Yale list of most notable quotations

From "Childless Cat Lady" to "They're eating the cats", Yale University's list of 2024's most notable quotations delves into the worlds of politics, entertainment and conspiracy theories. Popstar Taylor Swift topped the list by signing an Instagram post in Sept as "Taylor Swift Childless Cat Lady" while endorsing Kamala Harris for president. It was a reference to three-year-old comments made by Veep-elect JD Vance as he described Democrats. Prez Biden came in at No. 2 with his recent announcement: "Today, I signed a pardon for my son Hunter". Prez-elect Trump followed with his false immigrants claim that, "In Springfield, they're eating the dogs, the people that came in. They're eating the cats". Trump also came in at No. 5 with "Fight! Fight! Fight!" after an assassination attempt.

AROUND THE WORLD

Joseph Bell, Scottish surgeon and lecturer at the medical school of University of Edinburgh was the inspiration behind Sherlock Holmes. Arthur Conon Doyle met him in 1877 and worked as his clerk at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. Doyle was impressed by Bell's observant ways and Bell was involved in many police investigations

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Agentic AI's enabling sharp rise in productivity, response times

These systems can autonomously take actions, adapt to changing situations in real-time

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Times Techies panel discussion: (from left) Sreenivasa Sekhar Josyula, CTO, Accenture Operations, Gaurav Agarwal, VP and MD - India, Automation Anywhere, Chetan Shah, SVP Head - operations trade, cash, capital markets, projects & automation, IndusInd Bank, and Jasbir Singh Sahi, AVP, Sr lead enterprise architect, Bharti Airtel

Airtel is a very complex organisation, says Jasbir Singh Sahi, AVP and senior lead enterprise architect at Bharti Airtel. There are about 900 organisational units within it. Complexity of data across all these is growing by the day. And this is particularly the case for the finance team. Over the years, implementation of ERP and accounting systems has ensured all financial data is available by the end of each day. But what's really important for the CFO is to analyse any variations emerging in any of the P&L segments so that strategic decisions can be taken. Till recently, cross-functional teams would analyse all of the data and get back to the leadership on variations and what's behind them. It would take a few days.

Sahi and his team have over the past few months been working on an AI-based proof-of-concept (PoC) that automatically identifies variations, and provides insights on them. It also allows the CFO team to ask any questions in natural language, and obtain answers. Sahi says what took 2-3 days, now takes 2-3 hours. The PoC is now complete, and the solution is set to go live. "We should be able to power prompt data-driven strategic decisions," Sahi said at the Times Techies session at Automation Anywhere's Imagine India conference that focused on agentic AI.

Agentic AI takes automation to a completely new level. You can think of it as a variation of GenAI. While GenAI focuses on creating new content, agentic AI systems can also autonomously take actions, adapt to changing situations in real-time, and solve complex, multi-step problems based on context and objectives, essentially acting more like an independent agent capable of making decisions and taking actions without constant human intervention. These systems are flexible, and can be designed to meet changing business requirements, says Gaurav Agarwal, VP and MD - India, Automation Anywhere.

Chetan Shah, head of operations trade, cash, capital markets, projects & automation at IndusInd Bank, is also doing a PoC that will substantially simplify his team's life. Almost 70% of the requests that come to his team are for ad hoc bank statements – requests that ask for additional details about a statement. All of this has traditionally been done manually. The agentic AI solution Shah's working on involves the system understanding the request, checking whether the particular email has the authority to ask for the statement, extracting the statement, and sending it out an authenticated email ID with the relevant password protected PDF. "The PoC has been very successful, and we are taking it forward," he says.

Numerous such solutions are becoming possible today. But any organisation will need to take a number of foundational steps before being able to get the best out of this technology. Sreenivasa Sekhar Josyula, CTO at Accenture Operations, says it's critical to have a digitised knowledge base, including policies, procedures, controls, and rules, so that the agentic AI can refer to these when executing actions. Security and responsible AI have to be integral to the solution. Sekhar says it's also important to define the process to say, "where can AI take the decision, and where does it need to bring the human back to take the decision."

Agarwal says while there's lots of excitement around the technology, organisations must first be clear about the business value a solution will bring. "If it does, it's worth spending time on. Otherwise it becomes a science project that won't scale."

Historically, automation was all about doing what was repetitive, things that were rule-based. Now, with agentic AI, what is happening is that it doesn't need to be rule based, it doesn't need to be repetitive; automation systems can be designed to meet changing business requirements. And they can be extremely flexible.
Gaurav Agarwal | AUTOMATION ANYWHERE

The concept of agentic AI is about using AI and foundation models to design an autonomous workforce. I have been in the automation industry for at least a decade now, and we have so long been designing automation for people to become more efficient. Now, with agentic AI, I'm designing for machines to be more efficient; people only come next. It's a step change, and gives us an opportunity to reimagine how a process should work
Sreenivasa Sekhar Josyula | ACCENTURE OPERATIONS

In the next two years, with agentic AI, I think we are going to see an exponential jump in productivity, in improvements in end-to-end TAT (turnaround time) of transactions, and a significant improvement in customer experience. TAT may reduce by at least 60-70%. Today, if I'm able to cater to a customer in two hours for an export or an import transaction, that will come down to 30 minutes.
Chetan Shah | INDUSIND BANK

We have almost completed a PoC (proof-of-concept) for an agentic AI solution that enables our CFO office to sharply reduce the time it takes to analyse financial data. That will go live soon. I see opportunities for agentic AI solutions in customer service. On our IVRs, we get 5-6 million calls daily. If we integrate AI-based voice agents to identify the intent of the caller, it will make a big difference. We can use it in contract management. Airtel does 300-500 contracts each month. It can summarise contracts to enable key decisions.
Jasbir Singh Sahi | BHARTI AIRTEL

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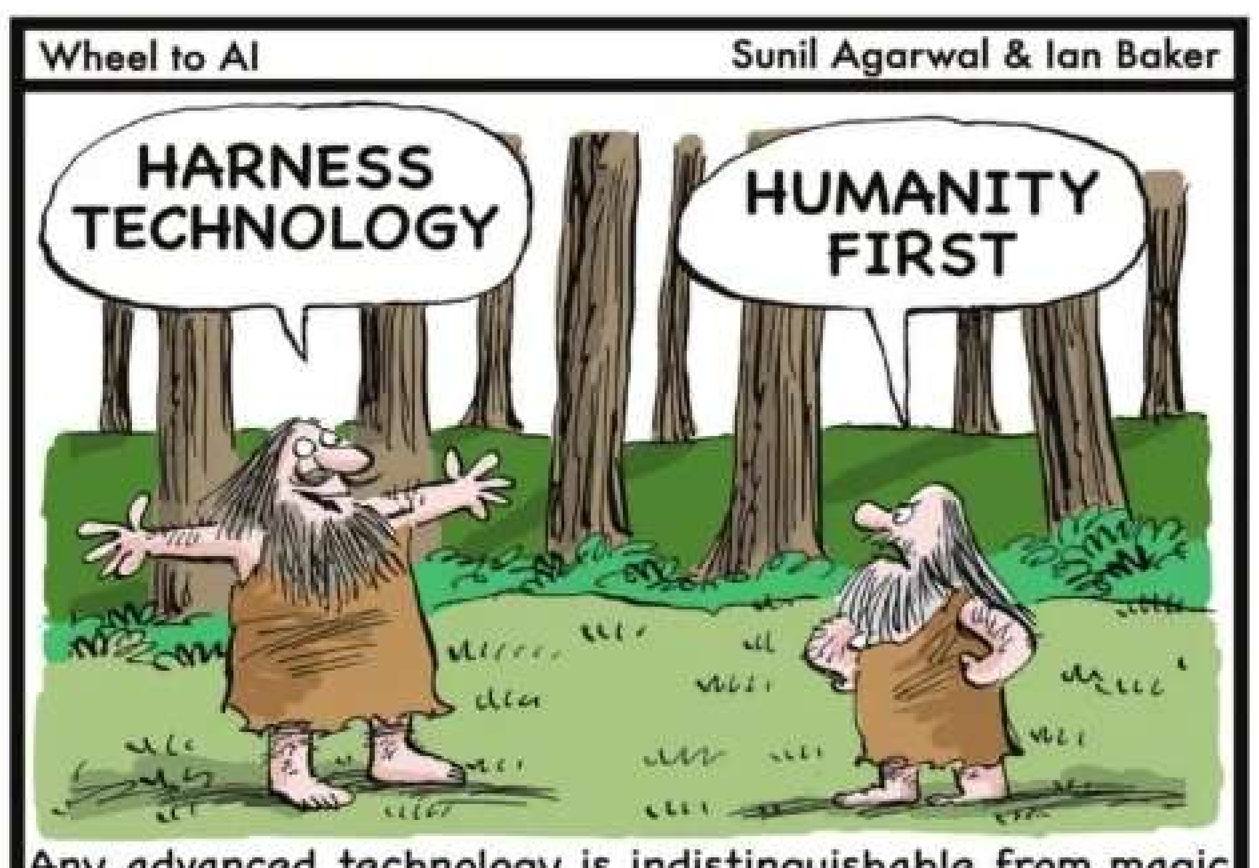

Any advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic – *Arthur C. Clarke*

Our technology has exceeded our humanity – *Einstein*

FOUNDATION MODELS

GLOSSARY OF **IN-GROUP** TERMS USED ON THIS PAGE

Foundation models are large-scale artificial intelligence models trained on vast amounts of diverse data, serving as a versatile base for numerous downstream tasks. These models, typically based on transformer architectures, are pre-trained on massive datasets, enabling them to learn rich, generalized representations of language, images, or other data types. Unlike traditional narrow AI models, foundation models can be fine-tuned for specific applications across various domains, such as natural language processing, computer vision, and multimodal tasks. Examples include GPT (for text), BERT, and DALL-E. Their key strengths are transfer learning, adaptability, and the ability to perform well on tasks they weren't explicitly trained for, making them a transformative approach in AI development.

INCLUSIVITY IS THOROUGHLY UNDERRATED

International Day of Persons with Disabilities is celebrated annually on December 3 and so we reached out to tech professionals with disabilities to share their experiences. A common thread in their stories is the transformative effect of an inclusive environment — whether in the workplace or society as a whole

Remote work can be a lifeline

Growing up with muscular dystrophy in a small village in Uttarakhand, I felt trapped in a life of dependence. My mother's daily school escorts were a constant reminder. When my village's limited schooling options ended after 10th grade, I was afraid my education would come to a standstill. But then, something unexpected happened. Teachers and government officials stepped in, offering homeschooling for my final two years. Yet, as I finished my education, a new uncertainty loomed: what's next? A chance connection with a US-based advisor turned my life around. He steered me towards software development, a field where physical mobility was less important than mental agility. I enrolled in an online course but struggled with the English content and American accent. My advisor intervened, sponsored my education, covering ₹2 lakhs in fees for another online program (one that taught in Hindi), and even joined the program himself. This time, instructors spoke in Indian dialects and the fees were installment-based, a huge relief financially. I owe my success to my advisor and online instructors, who explained complex concepts in Hindi, ensuring I never fell behind. With personalised attention and support, I grasped the material at my own pace, achieving 3rd rank in my batch. This milestone led to a full-time remote internship as an SAP consultant. Today, I work remotely, supporting my family and living independently. Remote work is my lifeline, offering opportunities I never thought possible.

Neeraj Tiwari | SAP CONSULTANT, TJC GROUP

Appreciate accepting workplaces

At just one year old, polio left me with a locomotor disability that restricted 40% of my mobility. This early setback instilled a deep sense of determination and resilience within me, nurtured by my parents and sister who supported and championed me at every turn. Passionate about technology and with eight years of experience in software development & management I joined Accenture 18 years ago. Shortly after, I became a mother, and Accenture's flexible working initiatives helped me strike a balance between my career and caring for my daughter. As she grew more independent, I actively sought diverse technology roles spanning product engineering, quality engineering, automation, modern engineering and more. Accenture's inclusive culture ensured I never felt judged for my disability, providing equal opportunities to work on exciting projects. Inspired by the support I received, I now serve as a disability inclusion advocate and mentor at Accenture, encouraging colleagues to self-identify their visible or invisible disabilities. This allows the organisation to better address their needs with tailored accessibility enablement, medical benefits, and support networks. I strongly believe that everyone, regardless of ability, needs support and advocating for one's needs is essential for empowerment.

Sangeeta Iyer | MD AND ENGINEERING & PRODUCT LEAD, ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY CENTRES IN INDIA, ACCENTURE

I do things differently and that's ok

I come from a small village in UP. I am differently abled. I joined Western Digital as an intern in 2022 and today I am a full-time employee. I was placed through an inclusive internship program for people with disabilities that Western Digital runs in India. I contracted polio when I was a little over a year old and that left me with limited mobility on my right side. This means that I use only my left hand. Whether it is coding or typing, I do it all with just one hand. When it comes to everyday life, I do things differently. For example, I can only carry a limited amount of weight. While traveling I have to pack more bags so each weighs less, and I most likely have to make multiple trips to transfer my bags up and down an escalator. What I mean to say is that I can carry what I want, it's just that I will do it differently. To me it is like how people learn things differently. To date, I am the only female engineer in my village, and I hope I am able to inspire more people to chase their dreams.

Radha Kumari | SENIOR ENGINEER, SYSTEMS DESIGN VERIFICATION, WESTERN DIGITAL

My family saw my condition as a burden

I was three months old when I was first diagnosed with multiple congenital contractures, a rare condition that makes it hard for muscles to function normally and leads to brittle bones. I had to undergo 30 surgeries as my limbs were severely affected and I have to rely on a wheelchair for mobility and can use only my left hand to work. Growing up, I faced unjust treatment from my own family. They saw my condition as a burden, and some even advocated ending my life to relieve themselves of this so-called burden. They deprived me of education, dismissing it as an investment without returns but I managed to complete my studies. I started my graphic designing journey in 2009, learning independently, without any formal training. I harnessed the power of the internet and books to slowly transform into a skilled designer and kept expanding my skills through online learning. This allowed me to evolve from graphic design to UI/UX design. Today, as a UI/UX designer, I contribute to cutting-edge design solutions globally.

Meena Sonik | UI/UX DESIGNER, CRITICALRIVER

I only revealed my disability during HR process

At 29, while working as a mainframe developer at a leading IT company, I was diagnosed with Becker Muscular Dystrophy (BMD), a genetic condition causing progressive muscle wastage. This was a turning point in my life, as I had always been a fitness enthusiast who never missed a workout. The gradual muscle loss not only halted my gym visits but also restricted my ability to step out due to the inaccessibility of public infrastructure for persons with disabilities. This took a toll on my mental health, and the fear of judgment made me hesitant to speak about BMD, hindering my understanding and management of the condition. In 2015, I faced another challenge when I was diagnosed with Biventricular Cardiomyopathy related to BMD. While joining Carelon Global Solutions, I disclosed my disability only during the HR process. However, the community here became a crucial support system, helping me acknowledge my disability, understand laws, and find my purpose. During a fire drill, when I pointed out the need for accessible emergency facilities, the team immediately made efforts to make it easier and safer for persons with disabilities to navigate during an emergency.

Raghavan Raghunathan | SCRUM MASTER, CARELON GLOBAL SOLUTIONS

Perceptions are the toughest to overcome

Looking back on my journey, I realise that a combination of both challenges and opportunities has shaped who I am today. My career began with a government job secured through the disability quota, though my MCA gold medal qualified me regardless. Transitioning to the private sector in 1996, I earned every role through hard work, competing against nearly 100 candidates for my first position. Beyond physical challenges, societal perceptions were the toughest to overcome. People often view disabilities through pity or misplaced admiration—acknowledging us for merely doing our jobs instead of recognising our potential. This mindset creates barriers to growth. A turning point came during leg surgery at the All India Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, where I met others facing severe challenges with incredible positivity. This taught me that disabilities don't define us—they're opportunities to exceed expectations. Mphasis has driven a shift from labels like "handicapped" to "differently-abled," fostering empathy over sympathy. Still, challenges persist. Attitudinal barriers and unconscious biases frame our efforts as extraordinary rather than normal contributions. Bridging this requires raising awareness, inclusive policies, and involving persons with disabilities in decision-making.

Vijay Attal | ASSOCIATE VP, DELIVERY & SOLUTIONS, MPHASIS

From darkness to digital champion

Despite losing my sight to Retinitis Pigmentosa, I was drawn to the growing field of IT in the 90s. However, my vision presented a challenge. Losing all sight at 23 forced me to pause my studies, but hope emerged with mobility training at the National Association for the Blind. This ignited a renewed purpose, leading me to pursue software engineering. Entering the job market in 2007, I faced rejection, but persevered. My journey unfolded from software development to technical documentation and training, culminating in my current role as a lead accessibility analyst and champion at Target in India. Today, my passion lies in creating inclusive digital experiences for individuals with disabilities. My unique perspective, shaped by my experiences as a former sighted person, a developer, and a current user of assistive technology, allows me to bridge the gap between technical teams and end-users. At Target, I've been embraced as any other member. Though I may have lost my sight, my vision remains undiminished. In the age of technology, there are no limits to what one can achieve—except the limits we impose on ourselves.

Rajath Tirumangalam | LEAD ACCESSIBILITY ANALYST, TARGET IN INDIA

Being a UX designer while colourblind is unique

I first discovered I had trouble distinguishing between colours during my school years. Although, It wasn't until I started my career as a video editor at Amazon that I realised how much this could affect my work. Simple tasks became frustrating when I couldn't accurately differentiate colours, leading to mistakes I couldn't see coming. That's when I knew I had to rethink my path. The decision to switch to UX design wasn't easy, but it felt right. I signed up for UX design courses online and found there were ways to use my creativity and problem-solving skills without relying heavily on colour judgment. By learning to work with colour codes and focusing on accessibility, I could still thrive in a field I loved. I prefer to see myself as 'differently abled' because, while my challenges with colour perception require creative workarounds, they've also sharpened other skills like problem-solving and attention to detail, which have become my superpowers in design. Over time, this has shaped how I approach design and problem-solving. It's made me more empathetic and innovative, particularly when thinking about accessibility.

Sanumol NP | UX DESIGNER, ACENTRA HEALTH

Karthik caried the torch at Paris 2024 Oly

Being visually impaired comes with its own share of challenges, especially in the fast-paced world of technology. At Cisco, I take care of employee experience with IT support services and also manage dedicated IT support for employees with disabilities. As someone who depends heavily on digital tools, I understand the challenges that persons with disabilities face daily. As someone in a technical field with visual impairment, navigating charts, graphs, and other visual aspects can be challenging. While there are solutions that can help in getting the descriptions, they may not provide all the required details and accuracy. Additionally, we need to be cautious while using AI assistance with confidential data. For visually impaired individuals, accessibility of internal applications is something that takes less priority than product accessibility. It's an area where greater awareness and action are needed. At Cisco, I've found a place that values accessibility and inclusion. One of the proudest moments of my life came earlier this year when I was selected to carry the torch at the Paris 2024 Paralympics. It was a once-in-a-lifetime honor.

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People don't realise Albinism affects vision

Excuse me," a concerned stranger once remarked, "but you look very pale. Are you okay?" This kind of encounter, though well-meaning, is all too familiar to me. I have albinism, a genetic condition that affects melanin production, resulting in little to no pigment in my skin, hair, and eyes. It's a condition that often evokes images of pale skin and sensitivity to sunlight, but it's so much more than that. One of the biggest challenges, and perhaps the least understood, is the impact albinism has on vision. Many people don't realise that albinism often causes significant vision loss. In my case, I have about 70% vision loss, which means navigating everyday life requires extra effort and adaptation. Imagine trying to read a presentation from across the room or recognising a colleague from a distance – these are daily hurdles that I, and many others with albinism, face. This lack of awareness can lead to misunderstandings and a lack of necessary accommodations. How you can be an ally? Spread the word of albinism. Learn more about it. Keep challenging those outdated ideas when you hear them about albinism and support the organisations that help people with albinism live their best brightest lives.

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Adelaide tickled pink by India's presence

India's First Training Session Under Lights Is An Occasion To Savour But Important Decisions Await Team Ahead Of Crucial Second Test

TIMES IN AUSTRALIA

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IN CAMERA: Fans of Indian origin thronged the Adelaide Oval nets to watch India's training session on Tuesday

Adelaide: The delayed red-eye flight to Adelaide seemed in limbo on its Singapore tarmac. The snaking queues had long passed their state of agitation and quieted down to uneasy repose when the momentary sighting of Gautam Gambhir made heads turn.

India's coach was heading back to the scene of the action in Australia after a brief visit back home. Glances met, pleasantries exchanged and brief handshakes later, he retreated into his own world, down the vast corridors of one of the world's busiest airports, but not before sending everyone's cricketing pulse racing.

A few hours later and into the next day, in another continent, Gambhir stood quietly, first in the background and then in the second pacers' nets, as India's batters hit the ground running ahead of the crucial second Test against Australia.

Only, this wasn't an ordinary nets session. Heaving hordes tumbled in to catch a glimpse of their stars in action at a rare arm's length. Adelaide, the city of vibrant colours, seemed tickled pink by the presence of India's star cricketers.

It was a goodwill gesture, an open nets session to stimulate interest, but the practice session turned into concert-level frenzy. Security had to be called in at times to clear restricted areas. A thousand selfies were clicked. Excited teenagers called up friends asking them to rush over. Beating drums rent the air, and, of course, Virat Kohli soaked in all the hero worship.

"*Sab mazey le rahey hai* (Everyone's having fun)," Rishabh Pant told Rohit Sharma in the adjacent nets at one point after having a rather hard time coping with Jasprit Bumrah, Akash Deep, Mohammed Siraj and Harshit Rana breathing fire with the pink ball. Rohit himself warned Abhishek Nayar at one point to not talk tactics in such a public view after explaining some front-foot trigger movements to the assistant coach.

Every block was cheered, every hit elicited a roar. Every victory for the bowler was celebrated. This was training as spectacle, nets as performance art. Such is the level of frenzy the Indian team arouses away from home that Australia's own open training session a couple of hours earlier seemed tepid in comparison, apart from minor injury scares to their struggling star batters Steve Smith and Marnus Labuschagne.

Even without all the attention and cheery chaos, this would have been an important session, the team's first with the pink ball in moist twilight conditions, that dreaded time when the lacquer-coated, fancy-coloured orb wobbles unpredictably to raise the fear of leaving batting collapses in its wake.

In Adelaide, where Australia have never lost a pink-ball Test, the surface tends to add fuel to the pink fire. No wonder India's batters want more time out in the nets to size up the challenge. The first Test of the 2020-21 series saw them collapse to their lowest-ever Test score of 36 in the second innings, but it's unlikely that the sour taste lingers, especially since India came back to win that series. This time it's about consolidating the advantage after the remarkable comeback win in Perth.

Questions still linger about the team's opening plans, and no doubt these will gain ground over the next few days. On Tuesday evening, Rohit Sharma and Rishabh Pant took first strike, even before the warm-ups. When nets resumed, though, Perth openers Yashasvi Jaiswal and KL Rahul began proceedings, and Rohit and Pant again batted in tandem. India's captain may not be averse to batting in the middle order for the first time since 2019, but time — and conditions — will tell.

Also on Tuesday, Australia's wicketkeeper Alex Carey took great pains to point out why the pink ball is so tough to spot, saying, "At times when the lights come on, it can be a little bit of a depth perception. You have to watch the ball as closely as possible, adapt as quickly as possible. At times from behind the stumps, it (the ball) can seem to have a bit of a (pink) glow... sort of a tail. They have a comet tail."

Given the weird patterns of pink-ball Tests and the increasing uncertainty in players' minds, it may be fair to term it a format all on its own, another oddity in modern cricket's blend of styles. Here at the Adelaide Oval on Tuesday, though, the practicality of pink Tests didn't seem to matter. Nothing did. The only star trails were left by India's cricketers.

Will the festive air last if the team doesn't do well starting Friday? Gambhir, standing quietly in the corner, seemingly unmoved by all the noise, may have been thinking the same thing.

A WEEKEND OF POSSIBILITIES

The Pink-Ball Test In Adelaide, Despite Its Potential To Be An Outlier, Offers Both India And Australia A Chance To Throw Defining Punches At Each Other

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Intrigue marrying spectacle. That's what you get when the Adelaide Oval hosts the Australian summer's customary cricketing fest. The Day Night Test match.

The pink kookaburra and the way it behaves especially in the twilight zone, provides the intrigue and the picturesque setting of the venue and the orange skies threatening to kiss the green turf in the evening, offers the spectacle.

It's called the People's Test in south Australia and bumper crowds are expected for what many are calling the biggest game in the World Test Champions' recent history, considering what transpired in Perth.

When the calendar for the India series was 'curated', it was almost a given that Australia would arrive in the City of Churches from the west with a 1-0 lead. And post their exertions of the pink-ball game in Adelaide, a fixture they have never lost in seven previous attempts, any other suggestion apart from a 2-0 lead would have prompted the question, "Can I have a puff of what you're smoking?"

Why that barb?

Because Australia are masters of the pink ball game. Of the 22 Tests that have been staged in its D/N avatar, Australia have featured in 12, all at home, and have lost only once to the West Indies at the Gabba.

India, on the contrary, have played just four pink ball games, winning three (Kolkata, Ahmedabad and Bengaluru) and losing one.

Yeah, THAT 36 one. Right here. Saturday, December 19, 2020.

4,9,2,0,4,0,8,4,0,4,1.

No, that isn't a cheat code. It was what every Indian batter contributed in the second innings as every false shot or mistake eerily produced a nick and every nick was pouched. And it happened in glorious batting conditions with the sun shining in all its glory.

That's what the pink ball creates. It allows doubts and fears to nestle rent free in the minds and hearts of batters. Especially in the twilight zone. The ball behaves differently once the lights come on and the sun starts setting. With the tendency of the ball skidding on, thanks to the added lacquer, batters' footwork gets tested and any delay in reaction time often triggers his downfall.

Australia have ruled in pink ball Tests because of their extraordinary cartel of pacers.

At Adelaide, where the pitch quickens up after Day One, thanks to the curators leaving an extra bit of grass to allow the lacquer on the ball to stay longer to aid its sighting, the pacers have had it good.

A one hundred and seventythree wickets taken by pace bowlers have come at a frugal 27.19. Correspondingly, spinners have taken 47 scalps at 39.72 with office Nathan Lyon, who had toiled as a groundsman at Adelaide, taking 28 of them.

While India expertly negotiated the threat of slingy left-armer Mitchell Starc in Perth, with centurion Yashasvi Jaiswal even taunting him by saying, "It's coming too slow", they will know that the pink-ball Test in Adelaide is Starc's domain and poking the bear any further would be a misadventure.

Mercurial and moody, Starc often has outhouse or penthouse figures. But his lengths in Adelaide generally are fuller and he has 39 wickets in seven Tests to show for his efforts. Those scalps have come at an obscene 16.64. A wicket for him happens every 35.5 balls here, 13 balls fewer than his career strike-rate of 48.8.

Apart from Starc's potency, what will also draw India's attention is the catching. On Day Two, in the 2020 Adelaide Test, a triple digit lead seemed a certainty, but routine drops from Bumrah, Mayank Agarwal and Prithvi Shaw, possibly the result of not sighting the ball properly, saw it reduced to 53 as the last three wickets added 80.

Bumrah, a brutal self-appraiser, would also know that he and Umesh Yadav bowled a metre short in their first spells four years ago, allowing the openers a few sighters. Now, far more mature and scheming, expect him to course correct and also mentor his younger colleagues to target the stumps. That's where the wickets will come, especially against an Australian Top Four that seems chronically out-of-form and in awe of India's bowling talisman.

The Nuances Of Test Cricket With The Pink Ball

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The Day/Night Test may well be cricket's newest format, with the pink ball adding degrees of difficulty.

The science behind the pink cricket ball is primarily focused on its enhanced visibility under floodlights. It is achieved through a bright pink colour and a special coating that allows it to keep its shine longer, making it easier for players to track during D/N Tests where the red ball would be difficult to see in conditions where the light gets poor. This extra shine also contributes to increased swing in the initial overs compared to a red ball.

Increased swing
Due to the extra shine from the coating, the pink ball can swing more, especially in the early overs of a match. It shows 20% more seam movement in comparison with the red ball.

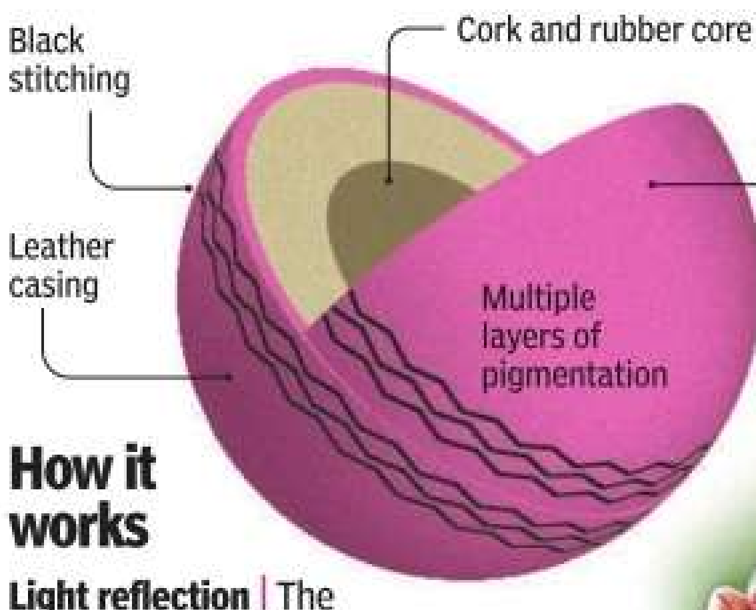
Black stitching
Unlike the red ball with white seam, the pink ball has black seam to further improve visibility against the pink colour.

Extra lacquer
An extra coat of lacquer is used on the pink ball. Lacquer is a synthetic substance that prompts the ball to move faster off the surface, giving a skidding effect. It also feels heavier on the bat. The colour is chosen to contrast against the field and lighting.

EYEBALL: Yashasvi Jaiswal at the Adelaide nets on Tuesday

PINK IS THE NEW RED!

Colour and visibility
The pink colour is specifically chosen to contrast against the field and lighting during night matches, making it easier to see for players and spectators.



Special coating
A polyurethane coating is applied to the pink ball to maintain its colour and shine for a longer duration

How it works

Light reflection | The colour pink reflects more light than red, making it stand out against the dark background at night.

Surface texture | The special coating on the ball allows for a consistent shine, crucial for swing bowling.

Swing characteristics | Maintains swing and bounce even after 40 overs. Unlike the red ball, there is little chance of reverse swing with the pink ball.

Some problems

- Anecdotal reports suggest that players, particularly those with colour-vision deficiencies, have found the ball difficult to sight.
- A study on the visibility of the pink ball said visibility is impacted, particularly at dusk, because of the ball's low luminance contrast when compared to the sky.

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>
> —**ALEX CAREY** | AUSTRALIAN WICKETKEEPER

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2,185 | Runs scored in third session in seven Tests at Adelaide.

87 | Wickets fell in the final session of play.

25.5 | Runs per wicket averaged in the final session.

39 | Wkts by Starc in D/N Tests at Adelaide, the highest tally.

8 | Tests Oz have won vs India at Adelaide.

1 | In the last decade, Australia have lost only once in Adelaide. India won in 2018-2019.

7 | Number of D/N Tests Australia have won in Adelaide.

3 | Number of Test hundreds Virat Kohli has scored at the Adelaide Oval.

STARC

1 | Kohli is the only Indian to score a hundred in D/N Tests — 136 vs Bangladesh at Eden Gardens in Nov 2019.

3 | Number of D/N Tests India have won out of four played.

0 | Number of draws that pink-ball Tests have produced.

STEVE SMITH FACES INJURY SCARE

Adelaide: Australian batter Steve Smith suffered a hit on his right thumb while batting in the nets ahead of the second Test at Adelaide Oval, Wisden reported on Tuesday.

The hosts experienced a mild scare from Smith as while he was taking throwdowns from Marnus Labuschagne, he was struck on his right thumb. For a brief while, he stopped batting and looked in some serious pain while having a chat with Marnus Labuschagne. An Australian team medical staff member came into the nets for examination of his thumb and Smith moved it gingerly to test its condition. Though he did not experience much discomfort, but left the nets at that point of time.

STEVE SMITH

After a short while, Smith was back, batting in another net, seemingly not having suffered any long-term damage that could impact his participation in Adelaide. ANI

NZ, ENG DOCKED THREE POINTS EACH FOR SLOW OVER RATE

Christchurch: The race to the World Test Championship (WTC) final has intensified after New Zealand and England were docked three points each and fined 15 per cent of their match fees for maintaining a slow over-rate in the opening Test of their three-match series by the International Cricket Council (ICC).

England, already out of contention for next year's final, secured an 8-wicket victory in Christchurch. However, the sanctions dealt a significant blow to New Zealand's chances. The inaugural WTC champions dropped from the joint fourth spot to fifth in the standings.

Following the penalty, New Zealand's points percentage stands at 47.92 per cent. Even if they win their remaining two Tests against England, their best possible finish is a points percentage of 55.36 per cent. Their fate in reaching the WTC final will depend on the outcomes of other matches.

RANA FIVE-FOR PUTS B'DESH ON TOP

Kingston: Nahid Rana's first Test five-wicket haul nudged Bangladesh ahead of the West Indies before the tourists' batting line-up displayed resilience to claim the upper hand on the third day of the final Test.

Rana led the rout of WI's first innings 146 on Monday with impressive figures of five for 61, giving the visitors a 18-run lead.

Bangladesh then reached stumps at 193 for five in the second innings, a lead of 211 with five wickets in hand.

With the highest successful run-chase in a Test match at Sabina Park is just 211, achieved by WI against Lanka in 2003, history would appear to be on the side of B'desh. AFP

Brief scores: Bangladesh 164 and 193 for 5 (Shadman 46, Mehidy 42, Shamar 2-70) lead West Indies 146 (Carty 40, Brathwaite 39, Rana 5-61) by 211 runs.

Get off social media, work your backside off: KP to Prithvi

London: Prithvi Shaw should channelise his energies into getting super-fit and, before that, must get off social media if he wants to once again savour the sweet taste of success, former England batter Kevin Pietersen said while vouching for his talent.

"Some of the greatest sports stories are COMEBACK stories. If Prithvi Shaw has decent people around him who care about his long-term success, they'd sit him down, tell him to get off social media & train his absolute backside off in getting super fit. It'll get him back into the correct path where past success can return. Too talented to throw it all away. Love, KP!," Pietersen wrote on X.

Shaw, who had started with a Test hundred on debut as a teenager, is standing at the crossroads of his career at 25 after none of the IPL franchises were interested in bidding for him even for a lowly base price of Rs 75 lakh. On Tuesday, Shaw scored a duck, lasting only three deliveries, as Mumbai beat Services in the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 tournament in Hyderabad. PTI

Sable can be the best in world, says steeplechase legend Kemboi

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New Delhi: Kenyan steeplechase legend Ezekiel Kemboi has an offer for Avinash Sable, that the Indian just cannot refuse. The 42-year-old, winner of two Olympic gold (2004 Athens and 2012 London) and four world titles, wants India's premier steeplechaser to train alongside him in Kenya to improve his endurance skills. "If he can just come to Kenya for two or three months, we can make him do some endurance training. It will benefit him a lot," Kemboi told **TOI**.

"It will add more power to his running. We have the best high altitudes for training," added the man from the country considered the school of long-distance running, where he says, "everybody wants to run".

On his third visit to India – Kemboi won silver at the Delhi CWG 2010 and ran a half-marathon here some years later – the Kenyan seemed impressed with Sable's progress.

"I have seen Sable at the Birmingham CWG in 2022. He won a silver there. I have said it before, he is very good as a steeplechaser. If he gets the right training and coaching, he can be the best in the world. He has the confidence in him to become a world-class athlete," Kemboi said of the 30-year-old.

Winner of the steeplechase gold and 5,000m silver at the Hangzhou Asian Games in 2023, Sable was introduced to cross-country running in 2015, and in nine years since, has broken the steeplechase national record seven consecutive times.

TOI

Ezekiel Kemboi

Kemboi, who has taken up coaching back home, also shared his thoughts on the doping scandal which hit Kenyan athletics in recent times. "A lot of junior athletes are being lured and lied to. Doping is a menace. My request has always been to run clean, win clean. I just want to request every senior and junior athlete to stay away from doping. Run clean and win easy, is what I always say," he said.

Recovering Tiger Woods ready to play host

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Albany (Bahamas): It was ten years ago that Tiger Woods stepped up to the Delhi Golf Club tee. Around 25,000 had turned up to watch, but all Tiger could see was "fog". "We couldn't see the first hole, so I just hit it straight."

The second hole was clearer and more interesting. "The dogleg right par 4, I didn't realize how close the people were on the tee box and I had to send it kind of right across their noses a little bit," the five-time winner and host of the Hero World Challenge said with a smile.

While his return to a similar show in India remains uncertain, what is certain is that the 48-year-old is not tournament sharp yet. Playing at Albany, Bahamas this week for a purse of $5million is a 20-player field including World No. 1 and defending champion Scottie Scheffler, three other top-10 players and six others from the top-20 and it has proven to be a daunting challenge. Tiger, who is still recovering from a procedure for nerve impingement in his lower back, was matter-of-fact: "I'm not sharp enough to compete against them at this level. The fire still burns to compete but the difference is the recovery of the body. That's part of age, and part of an athlete's journey."

Getty Images

Tiger Woods

The news conference with Hero MotoCorp executive chairman Pawan Munjal, was held to announce the extension of the title sponsorship till 2030. And in the next few days, enthusiasts will focus on what's unfolding on the course in the PGA Tour-sanctioned event. But there was a chance to grill Woods on varied topics from his health to field sizes, from Ryder Cup money to bettering fan experience to PIF negotiations. And he was forthcoming.

There was talk about natural progression - his father Earl's influence, and Tiger being a mentor to teen son Charlie. "As long as I'm able to kind of enjoy being out there watching him play and teach him and just be a part of his life instead of just laying there (because of injuries), I'm happy. But sitting on the sidelines is one of the harder things for me to do."

But this week, he admits it will be "fun to host".

(The writer is in Albany on the invitation of Hero MotoCorp)

Slot takes a dig at Man City's fate

Liverpool: Arne Slot joked Tuesday that Mohamed Salah must have inside knowledge of Manchester City's fate over alleged breaches of Premier League financial rules after the forward suggested he had played his final game at Anfield against the champions.

City are facing 115 charges related to the alleged breaches and, if found guilty, could face severe punishment, including the possibility of relegation from the English top flight.

Salah, whose Liverpool contract expires at the end of the season, has been at the centre of feverish speculation over his future. The Egypt international said Sunday's 2-0 win against City could have been his last home game against Pep Guardiola's men.

Slot has become an expert in side-stepping questions on the expiring contracts of Salah, captain Virgil van Dijk and Trent Alexander-Arnold and on this occasion chose to make a joke out of it. "Maybe Mo knows more about the 115 charges, so he expects them not to be in the Premier League next season," he said at his pre-match press conference on Tuesday.

AP

Liverpool manager Arne Slot

Atalanta see off Roma

Rome: Atalanta stayed hot on the heels of Serie A leaders Napoli on Monday by winning 2-0 at struggling Roma, who were playing at home for the first time since Claudio Ranieri's return as coach of his boyhood club. Gian Piero Gasperini's side are one point behind Napoli thanks to Marten De Roon's wildly deflected strike in the 69th minute and former Roma attacker Nicolo Zaniolo's late header which gave the Bergamo club their eighth straight win in all competitions.

Arsenal to host Man Utd in FA Cup blockbuster

London: Arsenal will host Manchester United in the FA Cup third round next month. United are the holders after winning it for the 13th time last season, while Arsenal lifted the last of their record 14 trophies in 2020. The tie is set for the weekend of January 11-12 at the Emirates Stadium. AGENCIES

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OLY CYCLING CHAMP EVENEPOEL BREAKS HAND AND SHOULDER IN POSTAL VAN COLLISION

EVERTON FOOTBALLER ASHLEY YOUNG SET TO FACE SON TYLER IN FA CUP THIRD ROUND TIE

GALLERY

AFP

OLD WEAVE: A 'baggy green' Test cap worn by Australian great Don Bradman was sold for $2,50,000 at an auction in Sydney on Tuesday. Auction house Bonhams said Bradman wore the cap during India's 1947-48 tour of Australia, his last Test series at home

Ex-Sikkim HC chief justice appointed RO for Dec 15 IGU elections

New Delhi: Former Chief Justice of the Sikkim High Court Permod Kohli was on Tuesday appointed the Returning Officer for the Indian Golf Union (IGU) elections which will be held as per schedule on Dec 15. The elections were earlier postponed indefinitely after the previous RO, justice OP Garg, a former judge of the Allahabad High Court, had resigned.

Oz tennis great Neale Fraser dies aged 91: Australian tennis great Neale Fraser, who won 19 Grand Slam titles, has died aged 91, officials said on Tuesday as tributes poured in. The former world number one lifted three major singles titles, including Wimbledon in 1960, together with 16 Grand Slam doubles crowns

India beat Hong Kong in Asian women's handball c'ships: India began their campaign in the 20th Asian women's handball championships with a battling 31-28 win over Hong Kong on Tuesday.

India set up title clash vs Pak in men's junior Asia Cup hockey: India stayed on course to reclaim a hattrick of men's junior Asia Cup hockey titles, defeating Malaysia 3-1 to enter the final in Muscat on Tuesday. India will meet Pakistan in the title clash. AGENCIES

ACTION TODAY

CHESS: World Ch'ship, Game 8, 2.30 pm (Fide YT; chess24 India YT & Fide World Ch'ship page); **CRICKET:** Men's U19 Asia Cup, India vs UAE; Pak vs Japan, 10.30 am (Sony Sports); South Africa Women vs England, 1st ODI, 5.30 pm (Jiocinema); West Indies vs Bangladesh, 2nd Test, Day 5, 8.30 pm (Fancode); **FOOTBALL:** ISL 7.30 pm (Jiocinema); I-League 2pm & 4.30 pm (Sony Sports)

DING LEGACY

Resolute Defending Champ Snatches Pulsating Draw

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FIDE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SINGAPORE 2024

CHINESE WALL: Ding Liren comes up with a fighting performance to deny D Gukesh an outright win

Ding Liren is showing why he is world champion and why he managed a streak of unbeaten 100 classical games at his peak in 2017-18.

The world No. 5 Indian challenger enjoyed the advantageous position for the large part of this 72-move, five hours 20 mins battle. But the Chinese world No. 23 kept on fighting, did not play too passively, found enough resources for counterplay and broke the optimism of lakhs of Indian followers to split a point.

Gukesh was not clearly winning in the seventh game of their World Chess Championship match in Singapore on Tuesday. Yes, he never blundered. Though the computer evaluation never jumped plus-3 (for white), Ding had embraced danger in a pulsating endgame. But the 32-year-old found enough human defensive resources (44.f6 being particularly impressive) to confuse the 18-year-old Indian and stole half a point under his nose.

Their 14-game match stands at 3.5 points apiece with Ding scheduled to play with white pieces in the eighth game on Wednesday. The highly entertaining game saw structures of Reti opening, Neo-Grunfeld and Reverse Benoni, but the sequence of three successive draws could not be reversed.

In the process, Ding once again underlined that the value of a draw in a world championship match is far greater than winning streaks in Swiss league events or solid display in round robin tournaments.

Gukesh told a post-game press conference, "After Bd1 (his 46th move), I missed his continuation.

"I don't know where exactly the win was, but I should be winning. But it was more difficult than I had expected. It is not pleasant to miss a winning position. I am happy that I outplayed my opponent easily in the opening. I missed my chance, but I have to look at the positive and ensure that I convert the next time without repeating the mistake," he said. "I worked under the assumption that Rf4 and b5 should be just winning."

Ding said he was happy to find defense and counter play. He added that he had almost given up after seeing 44. Ke1. "This is also not a draw (after looking at the opening phase on the screen). It is hard to believe that I survived. I feared getting outplayed."

As world No. 3 Hikaru Nakamura pointed out in his YouTube review, Ding started playing faster and more accurately in time trouble. Earlier, he had invited time trouble once again. His move (40...Ke5) just before the time control also appeared nervy. But he seemed to have grasped the intricacies of the position better. And after 47 moves, Ding had more time on hand than Gukesh.

Gukesh's play to win the initiative was highly noteworthy. He sacrificed c-pawn after opting for a rare rook-e1 line on the seventh turn. He had five pawns, two of them unconnected vs Ding's six connected pawns with better attacking options. The way he used his queenside rook was fascinating.

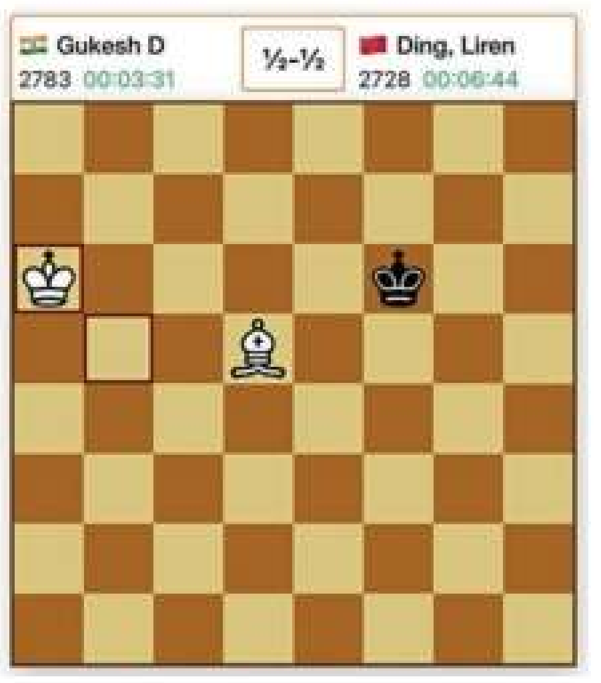
Around the first time control, Gukesh not only won his pawn back but had an extra pawn (5 vs 4) in rook, bishop vs rook, knight endgame.

After 17 moves, Gukesh had only 95 minutes in hand and Ding only 42. Ding needed to make 10 moves in 14 minutes and continued to take additional time thereafter too. But he recovered lost time in a patch of 41-47 moves after playing coming up with a dubious queen foray (Qxa2) on the 22nd move.

Ding told a press conference: "I should have been more confident about my position."

The competitive juices were flowing till the end as the draw was not agreed upon; but it happened when white had only a bishop on the board besides a king from either side. Moments before Ding got rid of both 'f6' and 'b5' pawns.

GM Peter Leko summed it up aptly on Chess24 webcast. "They don't want to play logically because then the opponent will automatically play the best moves. But they have to play unorthodox, mysterious lines where the opponent becomes totally unsure."



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PAK WIN T20I TIE AFTER ZIMBABWE SUFFER COLLAPSE

Bulawayo: Spinner Sufiyan Muqeem took career-best figures of five wickets for three runs in 2.4 overs as Pakistan thrashed hosts Zimbabwe by 10 wickets to clinch the three-match T20I series with a game to spare in Bulawayo on Tuesday.

After electing to bat, Zimbabwe were bundled out for 57 in 12.4 overs, their lowest ever score in T20 matches, beating the 84 they scraped together in Sri Lanka in January. The home side put on 37 runs for the first wicket, but they lost 10 wickets for the addition of only 20 runs as left-arm wrist spinner Sufiyan ripped through their middle order.

Pakistan made light work of the chase and reached their target with 87 balls remaining and without the loss of a wicket.

Openers Saim Ayub scored 36 from 18 balls and Omair Yousuf 22 from 15 deliveries in Pakistan's largest ever win by number of balls remaining.

Pakistan won the first game of the series by 57 runs.

BRIEF SCORES: Pakistan 61/0 in 5.3 overs (Ayub 36*, Yousuf 22*) beat Zimbabwe 57 in 12.4 overs (Muqeem 5-3, Afridi 2-2). AGENCIES

10 Zimbabwe lost all their wickets for an addition of just 20 runs (from 37-0 to 57 all out) on Tuesday, making it the biggest ten-wicket collapse in T20Is. The earlier biggest collapse was West Indies' 12 for no loss to 45 all out (33 runs) against England in Basseterre on Aug 3, 2019.

Stats: Rajesh Kumar

Another quick ton by Urvil helps Gujarat win

Indore: After making waves for Gujarat against Tripura last week, Urvil Patel struck an unbeaten 115 off just 41 balls against Uttarakhand in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy on Tuesday. Urvil, who scored the fastest hundred by an Indian in T20s in 28 balls, followed it up by reaching the three-figure mark in just 36 balls on Tuesday.

After Uttarakhand set a target of 183, Urvil smashed eight fours and 11 sixes during his knock, leading Gujarat to a dominant eight-wicket victory, the team's fifth win in six games.

Surya, Shivam smash it for Mumbai; Shami remains economical for Bengal

Hyderabad: India's T20 skipper Suryakumar Yadav smashed 70 off 46 balls in his first appearance in the 2024 edition of the tournament while Shivam Dube capped his return from a three-month long injury lay-off with a 37-ball-71 as Mumbai outplayed Services by 39 runs in a Group E match on Tuesday.

Batting first, Mumbai made 192/4 before bowling out Services for 153 in 19.3 overs with Shardul Thakur taking 4/25.

Elsewhere, Mohammed Shami bowled 15 dot deliveries in his sixth consecutive SMAT T20 match while unheralded Karan Lal smoked 94 in just 47 balls as Bengal hammered Bihar by nine wickets in a Group A match in Rajkot.

Bihar managed 147 for 6 in 20 overs with Sayan Ghosh (2/32) being the pick of the bowlers. Bengal knocked off the chase in just 14 overs with Lal smashing nine fours and six sixes. However all eyes were on Shami, who was economical once again with figures of 1/18 in 4 overs.

FASTEST HUNDREDS BY INDIANS IN TWENTY20s

Balls to 100	Runs	Balls	Batter	For	Opponent	Venue	Date
28	113*	35	Urvil Patel	Gujarat	Tripura	Indore	27-11-2024
32	116*	38	Rishabh Pant	Delhi	Himachal	Delhi	14-1-2018
35	118	43	Rohit Sharma	India	Sri Lanka	Indore	22-12-2017
36	115*	41	Urvil Patel	Gujarat	Uttarakhand	Indore	3-12-2024

Delhi crash to defeat against Jharkhand

Kumar Kushagra waltzed his way to 55 off 30 balls as Jharkhand handed Delhi their first defeat of the tournament in a Group C match in Mumbai.

Delhi managed a lowly 154 for 8 in 20 overs. In reply, Jharkhand scored the runs with an over to spare losing only five wickets. Veteran Ishant Sharma, who is playing the tournament as preparation for the IPL, finished with 2 for 38.

However, Delhi remained on top of Group C with five wins in six games and a match still left. AGENCIES

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Centre clears 5 projects for ₹21,772cr military upgrade

Times News Network

New Delhi: Defence ministry on Tuesday gave its preliminary approval for five military modernisation projects worth Rs 21,772 crore, which include fast attack crafts for Navy, electronic warfare suites for Sukhoi-30MKI fighters of IAF and helicopters for Coast Guard.

The Rajnath Singh-led defence acquisitions council (DAC) granted the acceptance of necessity (AoN) for the procurement of 31 new water-jet fast attack crafts. "These vessels will perform low-intensity maritime operations, surveillance, patrol, and search and rescue missions close to the coast. In addition, they will play an effective role in anti-piracy missions, especially in and around our island territories," an official said.

DAC also accorded AoN for procurement of 120 fast-interceptor crafts, which will be capable of performing multiple roles, including escorting frontline warships and submarines near the coast.

The Sukhoi-30MKI jets, in turn, will get electronic warfare suites with external airborne self-protection jammer pods, next-generation radar warning receivers and associated equipment. "They will enhance the fighters' operational capabilities and protect them from enemy radars and related air defence weapon systems while carrying out missions," the official said.

Among the projects is procurement of electronic warfare suites for Sukhoi-30MKI fighter jets

Six advanced light helicopters were also cleared for Coast Guard to strengthen surveillance and security in coastal areas. " DAC also approved proposals for the overhaul of T-72 and T-90 main-battle tanks, BMPs (infantry combat vehicles) and engines of Sukhoi fighters, which will enhance the service life of these assets," he added.

Biden nod for $1.1bn sale of logistics for naval choppers

Times News Network

New Delhi: US govt has approved proposed sale of equipment and follow-on support worth $1.1 billion to India for multi-mission MH-60R Seahawk helicopters already being inducted by Indian Navy.

The Biden administration notified the US Congress that India wanted to procure 30 multifunctional information distribution system-joint tactical radio systems, advanced data transfer systems, external fuel tanks, forward looking infrared systems, and identification friend or foe equipment, among others, as well as training and logistics support services for MH-60R helicopters.

Navy in March this year had commissioned its first squadron of six submarine-hunting MH-60R Seahawk helicopters, armed with Hellfire missiles, MK-54 torpedoes and precision-kill rockets, at INS Garuda in Kochi, as was then reported by **TOI**.

By next year, India is slated to induct all the 24 heavy-duty Seahawks, which are also equipped with multi-mode radars and night-vision devices, under the Rs 15,157 crore ($2.13 billion) contract inked with the US in Feb 2020.

The Biden administration said the new sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the US by helping to strengthen bilateral strategic relationship with India. It will improve "the security of a major defence partner, which continues to be an important force for political stability, peace, and economic progress in the Indo-Pacific and South Asia regions".

"The proposed sale will improve India's capability to deter current and future threats. The proposed sale will not alter the basic military balance in the region," it added.

Congress team sneaks into Sambhal ahead of Rahul visit

Bareilly: With Congress representative and LoP Rahul Gandhi set to visit violence-hit Sambhal, a party delegation comprising mainly state functionaries slipped into the UP town on Tuesday, report **Kanwardeep Singh & Asif Ansari**. Local police said that they found out when the team had already met some families of those who died in Nov 24 violence and were about to leave the district. Notably, prohibitory orders are in place in the district until Dec 10.

The delegation included general secretary of UP Congress Committee (UPCC) Sachin Chaudhary and its vice-president Rizwan Qureshi along with national secretary at All India Congress Committee Pradeep Narwal and a few members of Gandhi's team. They also facilitated a phone call between Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and the victims' kin.

A delegation from Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind (JUH) also visited the violence-hit town and provided "financial assistance — cheques of Rs 5 lakh each — to the families of the deceased later at a local madrassa". Moradabad's divisional commissioner Aunjaneya Singh told **TOI**: "We're not stopping any locals from meeting the families. The restrictions are there until Dec 10 and may be lifted early. Our priority is to maintain peace in Sambhal."

Midday meal cooks' pay stuck at 2009 level in 10 states/UTs

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The 'honorarium' for working six to eight hours as cooks-cum-helpers in the midday meal programme has remained unchanged at Rs 1,000 per month since it was fixed in 2009. Adjusted for inflation, the value of Rs 1,000 now is just over Rs 540 per month 15 years back. The actual money they get depends on how much the state govt is willing to enhance this. While Kerala pays Rs 12,000, in many like Delhi, Goa and several northeastern states it remains just Rs 1,000.

National Floor Minimum Wage, below which no state can fix its minimum wage, is Rs 5,340 per month, about Rs 178 per day. However, since cook-cum-helpers (CCH) are not recognised as workers, govt is not bound to pay minimum wages. The honorarium of Rs 1000 works out to be just Rs 33 per day. " CCHs are honorary workers who have come forward for rendering social services," govt has repeatedly maintained in answers to questions in Parliament.

The honorarium expenditure of Rs 1,000 is shared between the Centre and states and UTs as per an approved sharing pattern of 90:10 in Northeastern states, Himalayan states (Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh) and Jammu & Kashmir, 100% in UTs without legislature and 60:40 for other states as well as Delhi and Puducherry. In effect, for most states the Centre pays just Rs 600 towards the honorarium of each CCH.

"With the price of everything rising, how can you possibly survive on Rs 1,600 per month? Just a kilo of daal costs Rs 150 and a kilo of onion costs Rs 80. They don't even pay it regularly. They pay after four to six months," said Kiari Dev, who has been working as a CCH for over 12 years in Sapthiahi village in Saharsa district, Bihar. Hundreds of them from several states including Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Odisha, Karnataka and Himachal Pradesh gathered in Jantar Mantar on Tuesday under the banner of Mid-Day Meal Workers Federation of India demanding increase in wages, regularisation of their work, social security benefits, extension of the scheme to all children up to class XII and to protest privatisation of the scheme.

To put the 15-year freeze in perspective, consider this: The salary of members of parliament went up thrice in 12 years, from Rs 16,000 in 2006 to Rs 1 lakh plus in 2018 and that of bureaucrats went up twice. The entry level pay for govt employees went up from 2,550 to Rs 7,000 by the sixth pay commission in 2008 and then to Rs 18,000 by the seventh pay commission in 2015.

Though govt treats CCH's work as part time, they actually work almost eight hours or more. "Headmasters or teachers ask us to make tea for them, wash utensils, do sweeping and mopping along with cooking for 150-200 students and so we end up being in the school all day. If we refuse, they threaten to sack us as we are not regular employees and have no job security," said Naseema Bano who has been working as a CCH for over 20 years in Bihar's Supaul district. An estimated 25 lakh work as CCHs across India. "Labourers get paid Rs 300 per day, while we are not paid even Rs 100," said Jewatram Bhagora, a midday meal cook from Dungarpur in Rajasthan.

The policy to serve hot cooked meals to school children started with a Supreme Court order in 2001. The scheme, hailed as the world's largest school feeding programme, is estimated to cover almost 12 crore children in over 11 lakh schools.

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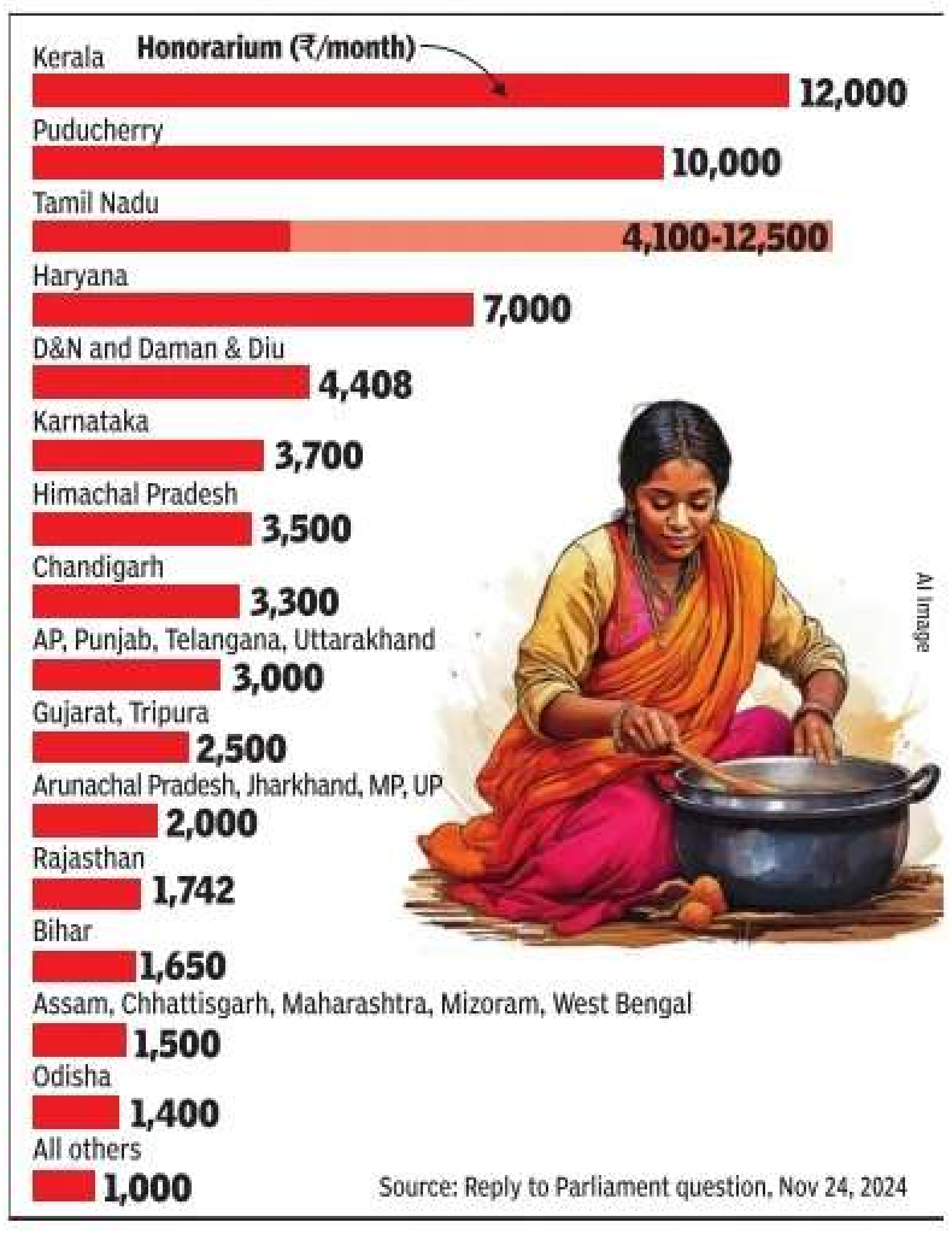

Source: Reply to Parliament question, Nov 24, 2024

After maths, CBSE to bring 2-tier system for science, social science

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New Delhi: From the academic year 2026-27, CBSE schools will introduce a 'two-tier' system — standard and basic — for science and social science subjects. This move aligns with the existing dual-level system for mathematics. The Board plans to extend this to other subjects as well, as part of implementation of National Education Policy 2020.

This initiative was recently approved at CBSE's curriculum committee meeting and now awaits final endorsement from governing body.

CBSE chairperson Rahul Singh said, "It's part of NEP implementation. NEP envisaged offering the subjects at two levels." He also confirmed that "the offer will available from 2026-27 academic year once NCERT textbooks are out".

The system aims to provide flexibility and reduce academic pressure. This structure accommodates varying learning abilities and student interests. Currently, CBSE offers mathematics at two levels — mathematics - standard (advanced) and mathematics - basic (regular). In the 2023-24 Board exams, 15,88,041 students registered for the standard level mathematics, while 6,79,560 opted for the basic level.

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This initiative, part of NEP implementation, will be introduced from 2026-27

NCERT has already introduced textbooks aligned with National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCFSE), 2023, for Classes I, II, III and VI. New textbooks for Classes IV, V, VII and VII are under development for implementation in 2025-26 academic session.

Students will likely receive a designated period to choose between advanced and standard levels, with flexibility to switch within this timeframe.

Singh added, "The exact shape of the framework is yet to be worked out. It will depend on the new textbooks, whether there will be two books of different difficulty level, supplementary content or two sets of question papers from the same content."

Foreign students in India at record high after Covid tumble

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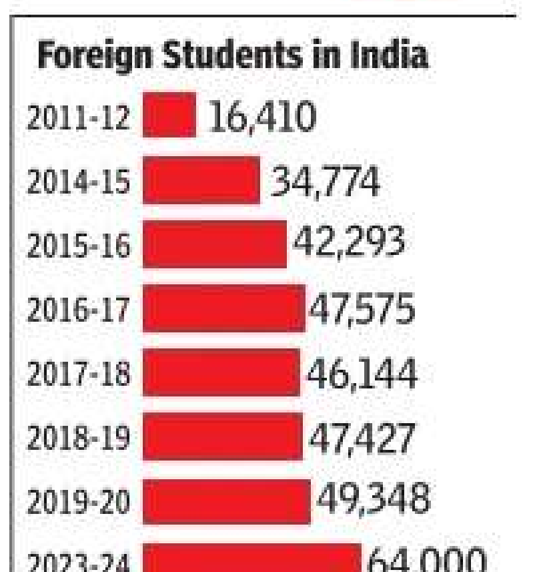
New Delhi: A flagship initiative towards internationalisation of Indian education, Study in India (SII) Portal, received a record 72,218 students from 200 countries for the academic year 2024–25. After a significant jump in numbers which started in 2014-15, followed by a significant decline due to Covid, the renewed multi-pronged effort of govt seems to have made its impact this year.

In 2011-12, the number of foreign students in India was 16,410, which rose to 34,774 in 2014-15. In 2016-17, it recorded 47,575 and in 2019-20, the pre-Covid numbers were over 49,000. However, according to govt sources, during Covid-19 and after the pandemic, the numbers declined to around the 2014-15 mark.

Launched in 2018 by ministry of education as a flagship project, the Study in India programme sought to project India as a prime education hub for international students. However, these initiatives appeared to have had limited success and the scheme appeared to be falling short of its goals. "Covid had its major impact on education worldwide. Impact on India was no different," said a senior official with the MoE. Thereafter, the Centre in Aug 2023 launched Study in India (SII) Portal, a centralised platform for foreign students to apply for admissions and visas.

"India is actively reclaiming its historic role as a global education hub, reminiscent of ancient institutions like Takshashila and Nalanda. With National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 at its core, govt is driving the internationalisation of education by aligning curricula with global standards, fostering research collaborations, and facilitating academic exchanges to position the country as a global knowledge leader," said Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan to **TOI**.

EDUCATION HUB



Chalisa recital near UP campus mosque prompts waqf clarification

Varanasi: Hundreds of students of Uday Pratap College in Varanasi gathered near a mosque on campus and recited Hanuman Chalisa on Tuesday, reports **Rajeev Dikshit**. The development came after a large gathering of Muslims offered namaz at the mosque on Friday, reigniting a controversy over land's ownership.

Six years ago, UP Sunni Central Waqf Board had staked claim over a portion of the college campus where the mosque is located. The college had responded within days, rejecting the claim and asserting the entire land of the college belonged to an endowment trust, said principal D K Singh.

On Tuesday, the waqf board clarified that the notice issued to the college in Dec 2018 was cancelled in 2021.

Meanwhile, on the campus, the crowd managed to break past barricades and security enclosures chanting 'Jai Shri Ram'. ACP (law and order) S Chinappa tried to dissuade them from marching towards mosque, but in vain. DCP (Varuna zone) Chandrakant Meena said students recited Hanuman Chalisa from a distance.

Plaque around neck, Sukhbir & other Akali netas perform 'sewadar' duty

Times News Network

Amritsar: Former Punjab deputy CM Sukhbir Singh Badal, along with other Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) functionaries who served as ministers in the Akali govt, underwent "religious punishment" at the Golden Temple on Tuesday, a day after Sikh high priests pronounced "tankhah" (religious punishment) on them for allegedly committing sins and mistakes during their governance in Punjab from 2007 to 2017.

The Akali functionaries remained in the Golden Temple from 9 am to noon.

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SAD members wash utensils at Golden Temple in Amritsar on Tuesday

The punishment came nearly three months after Sukhbir was declared "tankhaiya" (guilty of religious misconduct) by the Akal Takht.

Performing "sewadar" (guard) duty, Sukhbir — who has a fractured leg — spent an hour outside the Clock Tower, seated in wheelchair with a plaque around his neck and a spear in his hand. He also listened to kirtan and cleaned used utensils.

Former ministers Bikram Majithia and Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa too performed the service of cleaning used utensils. Prem Singh Chandumajra, Surjit Singh Rakhra, Daljit Singh Cheema, Majithia, and Mahesh Inder Grewal washed bathrooms, as directed by the Sikh high priests.

Sukhbir was also 'sentenced' to clean toilets but exempted from the task due to his fracture.

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A 'baggy green' Test cap worn by legendary Aussie batter Donald Bradman sells for $250,000 at a Sydney auction, P 25

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RECORDS BROKEN!

THE FASTEST INDIAN MOTORCYCLE

For the first time in over 70 years, a home-grown Indian tech startup - Ultraviolette has built a motorcycle that takes on global benchmarks.

At the Valley Run 2024, India's prestigious drag racing event where the fastest vehicles are invited to compete for the quickest quarter mile, the Ultraviolette (UV) F99 set a new record with a time of **10.712s**, making it the fastest Indian motorcycle.

The previous record from an Indian manufacturer stood at 11.523s.

UV's Racing Platform is a testament to the startup's uncompromising approach towards cutting edge design & technology to build motorcycles that set new global benchmarks in performance & safety.

THE FASTEST INDIAN
F99
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FACTORY RACING PLATFORM

HISTORY IS MADE IN SECONDS

F99 FACTORY RACING PLATFORM

POWER	120bhp (90kW)
TOP SPEED	265kmph(est.)
MOTOR TORQUE	200Nm
WHEEL TORQUE	972Nm
WEIGHT	180kg

COMPLETE CARBON FIBRE EXOSKELETON

RACER ABHISHEK VASUDEV
8 CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES IN 14 YEARS OF RACING

BATTERY 400V
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DRIVETRAIN
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NEW QUARTER MILE RECORD: 10.712s

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Moments before the record run.

Electric Euphoria!

> "OUR RACE HAS JUST BEGUN."
>
> **NARAYAN SUBRAMANIAM**

THE ELECTRIFYING JOURNEY

Ultraviolette is a new age electric mobility-tech startup founded in 2016 by Narayan Subramaniam and Niraj Rajmohan. Narayan, an acclaimed automobile designer with experience working with the top auto companies from Europe to Japan, teamed up with Niraj, a childhood friend and technology savant, who had spent time working in companies across India and the USA. The duo returned to India in 2016 with the single minded vision of building future ready products and technology in the mobility space.

Today, the Bangalore based company employs nearly 500 people across design, engineering, manufacturing & operations.

UV's production motorcycle - the F77 Mach 2 was launched in April 2024, after seven years of ground up R&D. The approach taken by UV has been quite differentiated as they own their complete technology stack from the batteries, BMS, VCU and powertrain electronics. The motorcycles are manufactured at UV's pilot production facility located on the outskirts of Bangalore near Electronic City.

Making in India, for the world - The F77 Mach 2 has also secured the unique distinction of being the only Indian electric motorcycle to be EU certified. The F77 Mach 2 was launched at EICMA (Milan Motorcycle Show) in November 2024.

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"Fast isn't just a measurement, it is an emotion. To be faster, is a promise. A promise in building cutting edge design, tech and ultimately placing India at the forefront of future ready mobility."

NIRAJ R
CTO & CO-FOUNDER, ULTRAVIOLETTE

"We've historically looked to the east or the west for the top benchmarks of design & tech. Now it's time for India to take Pole Position."

NARAYAN S
CEO & CO-FOUNDER, ULTRAVIOLETTE

The founders Narayan Subramaniam (L) & Niraj Rajmohan (R) with the Ultraviolette F77.

FROM THE MAKERS OF
THE FASTEST INDIAN**

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